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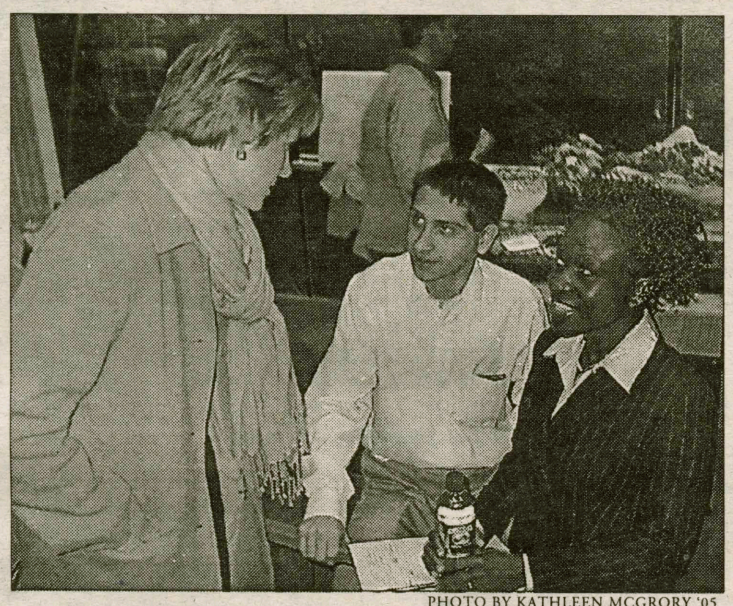
Adler participants address issues relevant on and off Hill

by Elizabeth Dolan '05
NEWS WRITER

Over 100 students, professors, staff members, and administrators convened last Friday afternoon in the KJ auditorium to attack the taboo issues concerning diversity in the Hamilton community, as well as additional related campus concerns. The purpose of the Adler Conference is to create a forum in which a diverse group of people can exchange ideas and, as its mission statement clearly says, to generate suggestions that will affect future decisions made by the Hamilton Community.



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Maurice Michaane '03 and Martine Kalaw '03 recap with Meridith Harper Bonham, asst. to the president.

This year's conference, chaired by Martine Kalaw '03 and Maurice Michaane '03, had the theme "Trading Places: Evolving the Human Experience" and was held in conjunction with Martin Luther King Service day. Both chairpersons saw an appropriate relationship between the service project and this year's mission to recognize and appreciate the broad array of diversity that exists in this community.

In their opening letter to the Hamilton community, Martine and Maurice described the conference as an opportunity to openly express major concerns and personal opinions without the fear of offending members of the community. The message of the conference recognizes that the refusal to voice true opinion and to honor individuality only hinders Hamilton's potential to "transcend as a community."

Participants of the Adler Conference were randomly assigned to one of six discussion groups that contributed to the unearthing of varying perspectives on Hamilton diversity.

The first discussion group was Ethnic Tensions and a Changing World; it focused on the recent terrorist attacks and America's War on Terrorism. Facilitated by Prof. Todd Franklin, Sinan Misirli '03, and also presenter Matt Eng '02, the committee focused on defining what it means to be the enemy and the victim. Included in the discussion were issues concerning Americans' extreme sense of patriotism and the difficult ef-

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Late-night writing conference combines grammar and games

by Sarah Karalunas '04
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

More than 250 students participated in Midnight Madness, Hamilton's first ever late-night writing conference, on Tuesday.

"Complaining about Hamilton students is a popular pastime these days, but on Tuesday we saw the real Hamilton student–eager to learn, ready to participate, and not afraid to have some fun," said Professor of Government Ted Eismeier, who heads Hamilton's Writing Program and first envisioned Midnight Madness.

President Eugene Tobin reiterated these remarks at the opening of the event: "It's not just that you're here [at Midnight Madness], but that you're here and interested in a cornerstone of this college, which is writing."

Students at the event participated in three of five half-hour workshops from 10 p.m. to 11:45 p.m., then gathered as a group to recognize students on the Alexander Hamilton list, as well as those who had won any of the various contests during the workshops.

The focus of the workshops ranged from detail-oriented grammar and word use sessions to help improve individual sentences, to broader sessions that focused on papers as a whole. In "The good, the bad, the ugly," Danielle DeMuth, visiting assistant professor of women's studies, Robert Martin, visiting assistant professor of government, and Carol Rupprecht, professor of comparative literature, went over writing that was "bad" (grammatically incorrect), "ugly" (grammatically correct, but still unclear), and "good" (well-constructed and meaningful). Each of the three used real newspaper headlines or writing from Hamilton students to spice up the activities.

"My impression of the typical Hamilton student was changed by the diverse groups gathered in the session," said John Balio '03, adding, "Now with the skills we learned, fix that sentence."

Professor of Comparative Literature Peter Rabinowitz and Professor of Biology Ernest Williams created a series of word games to help students practice

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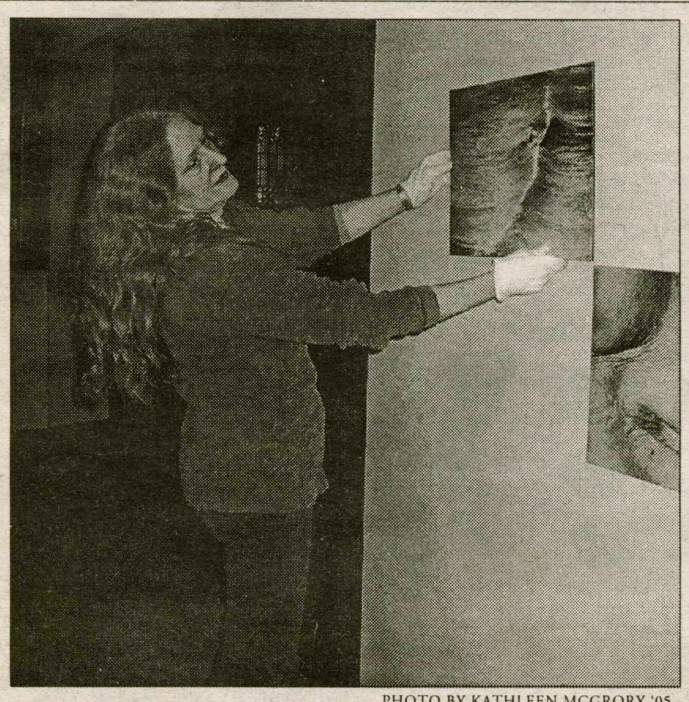

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New Emerson Exhibition

Artist Mary Lucier prepares for her upcoming exhibition at the Emerson Gallery, entitled "Selected Works 1975-2000." Lucier's show, which features a variety of single channel videoworks, opens on February 2nd.

Supercomputer helps chem. dept. with supercalculations

by James Robbins '05
NEWS WRITER
and Kathleen McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

Over winter break Hamilton College obtained a supercomputer for both student and faculty research. The computer came through the Undergraduate Chemistry Supercomputer Research Consortium Project, which is funded by the Major Research Instrumentation program.

"This machine gives Hamilton students and faculty access to computational resources that other small liberal arts schools usually don't have. It's absolutely amazing," Assistant Administrator and Research Support Specialist Jennifer Sturm said.

The supercomputer, which is of SGI Origin 300, has 32 processors, 30 gigabytes of memory, and close to a tetrabyte of disk space. In the upcoming weeks it will run on Gaussin software, a product specially designed to do molecular calculations.

"It's a brand new model; it really just came out," Sturm said of the machine, estimating the price to be anywhere from $500,000 to $550,000.

The computer was awarded as part of a grant for a project entitled "The Acquisition of High Performance Computers" in conjunction with the Northeastern Undergraduate Research Chemistry Consortium. The grant, written by Hamilton College Professor of Chemistry George Shields, provided for the attainment of a supercomputer, to be located at Hamilton College, for use in computational chemistry projects. Member colleges of the Undergraduate Chemistry Supercomputer Research Consortium will have access to the supercomputer within the next two to three weeks. This select

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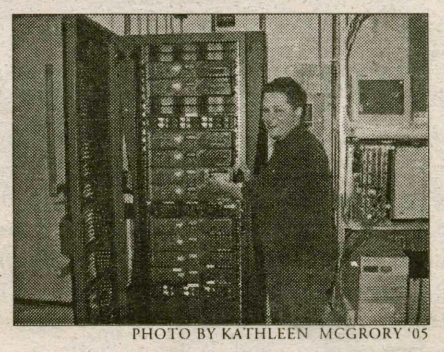

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Jennifer Sturm shows off the College's new supercomputer.

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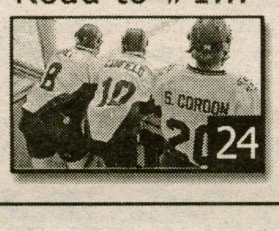

Grin & Beard It...

Panel examines Hamilton students' body images

Kirkland Project hosts discussion highlighting need to break gender stereotypes

by Katrina Lexa '05
NEWS WRITER

Last Friday, the Kirkland Project hosted the "Body Images" panel, a continuation of the yearlong "Body in Question" Series. The panel intended to create an environment in which interested community members could learn about the effect of societal pressures on people's perception of their own bodies.

The discussion panel was mediated by Mark Thompson, Ph.D., the director of counseling and psychological services at Colgate University, who said that there is "an inescapable focus on appearance and the on-campus experience simply mirrors concerns of the world outside our walls."

The first speaker, Lynne Luciano, Ph.D., focused on cosmetic surgery, particularly for the male population. "Traditionally, [cosmetic surgery] has been such a quintessentially feminine approach," explained Dr. Luciano. She later described how in the last few decades the number of males turning to the knife to fix their appearance has boomed. Throughout history men were traditionally the breadwinners, and cosmetic surgery was only appropriate if it enhanced the economical success of the man, Luciano explained. On the other hand, cosmetic surgery was permissible for women if it enhanced their chances of marriage.

Luciano also explained how the fitness revolution of the 1960s "played a role in inducing men toward cosmetic surgery; the focus shifted from a healthy body to the body being an object of display." In addition, in the 1980s "cultural narcissism was born with the generation of 'me,'" and as Dr. Luciano said, "narcissism is indicative of self-doubt." Cosmetic surgery became almost necessary to compete in the world. As time went on, said Dr Luciano, "men sought surgery for the very valid reason of the pursuit of self-esteem through cosmetic surgery." Dr. Luciano focused mainly on the history of cosmetic surgery and how it became both acceptable and even necessary for men to "go under the knife" in order to improve their self-image.

Just as men became expected to appear a certain way, the female body image has been molded by society into an ideal. Karen L. Smith, MSS, LSW, gave her presentation on the "Politics of Hunger." Her focus was why eating disorders affect almost exclusively women, primarily young women, and why it is happening now. Said Smith, "No other statistic exclusively targets one population. Ninety-five percent of anorexics and ninety percent of bulimics diagnosed are women." Although Smith added that the statistics are possibly inaccurate because of the number of people, men especially, who do not get help professionally, she believes that the statistics are still alarmingly high.

Although the natural response to puberty in a girl is an increase in body fat, "the time women are most likely to enter a therapist's office is between the ages of 12-17. That is also the same time they are most likely to develop eating disorders," according to Smith. With the appearance of the model Twiggy in the 1970s, women have been expected to conform to a standard of thinness that is abnormal and often dangerous. "We are not in a society that desires women to become women; it is girlhood that is coveted," said Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith used the word "hunger" as a definition of a person's wants, needs, and desires. She believes that, "part of the goal of life is [to understand] how to identify one's hunger and how to satiate it. If we surround ourselves, with all those messages that make us feel bad about ourselves we will in fact feel bad about ourselves." Mrs. Smith said to overcome prevalent, often stifling, ideals, women need to become aware of the external pressures in society.

The "Body Images" panel was wrapped up by Jan Fisher, MA, NCC, CCMHC, a staff counselor at Hamilton College who has specialized in eating disorders in both sexes for over 20 years. Her hope was that the presentation would allow community members to understand the importance of the issues surrounding body images. "There has always been a veneer of shame; because of that element of shame, it's very hard to talk about these realities. It is not shameful to struggle, it's not a failure, it is not a shortcoming . . .Eating disorders are just a manifestation of personal struggle," said Fisher. During the discussion she gave some suggestions for students to cope with pressures to fit an ideal: "Develop healthy role models. Actively change any thought that is self-critical. Speak up, don't stuff it down. Eat meals with people who eat meals. Don't hesitate to ask for what you need." Interviewed later, Fisher said that she has found Hamilton to be a place where "people really do recognize that eating disorders exist, and they have an appropriate level of concern and wish to address the issue." The counseling center is available free of charge to students and is completely confidential. Counselors meet both with people who suffer from poor body image and with those who wish to help a friend. One of the most important things Fisher feels that we as a community can do is to create a caring environment in which everyone feels supported and valued as a unique member.

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Panel members Lynne Luciano, Karen Smith, and Jan Fisher meet following the Kirkland Project's "Body Images" discussion.

Computer aids research

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group consists of seven northeastern liberal arts institutions, including Colgate University, the College of the Holy Cross, Connecticut College, Hamilton College, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, St. Lawrence University, and Vassar College.

Shields is using the supercomputer to gain insights into biochemistry by using computational methods. According to Sturm, Shields is currently working with a team to design molecules with the ability to break down cocaine in the body. The group, which includes specialists from Columbia Presbyterian Hospital, intends to create a prescription to be taken prior to cocaine use that will break the cocaine down before it can take effect.

In short, the supercomputer will provide more CPU power that will allow calculations to be done faster, Shields said. This project will give Hamilton College a larger role in contemporary scientific research and demonstrated the need for capable technology in scientific study, he added.

FebFest Schedule of Events

All events are free with a FebFest Button. For complete schedule of events, see FebFest brochure.

Monday, February 4
4:30-5:30 and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Beer and Tapas Tasting

8:00 p.m. Martin Sexton and John Gorka in the Chapel. $5 students w/o buttons, $12 general public.

Tuesday, February 5
4:30-5:30 and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wine and Chocolate Tasting in the Little Pub. Button required.

7:00 p.m. Vanessa Johnson in the Events Barn.

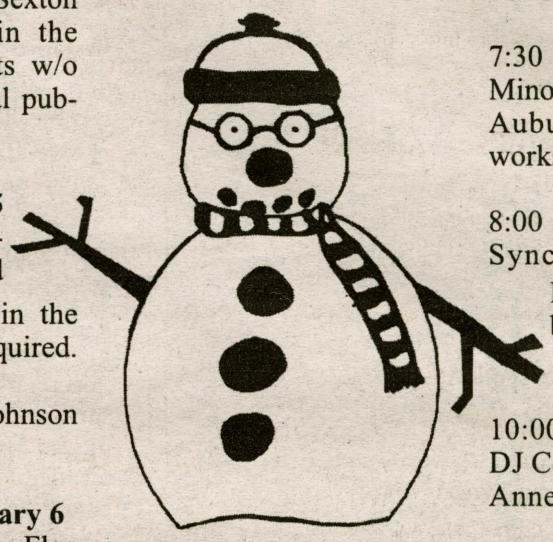
Wednesday, February 6
4:00 p.m. Capture the Flag on Minor Field.

4:30-5:30 and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Beer and Tapas Tasting in the Little Pub. (Same as Monday.)

8:00 p.m. Battle of the Bands in the Annex. $1 w/o button.

Thursday, February 7
Snoccer Tournament (Day 1). Time and place TBA.

4:00 p.m. Ice Cave (Igloo) Building Session on Minor Field.



4:30-5:30 and 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wine and Chocolate Tasting in the Little Pub. (Same as Tuesday.)

8:00 p.m. Gong Show in the Barn. $2 w/o button.

10:00 p.m. Karaoke in the Little Pub.

Friday, February 8
Snoccer Tournament (Day 2). Time and place TBA.

12:00-4:00 p.m. Snow Sculpture Contest on the Main Quad.

7:30 p.m. Fireworks on Minor Field courtesy of Auburn/Telestar Fireworks, Inc.

8:00 p.m. HamJam Lip Sync Contest in the Events Barn. $1 w/o button.

10:00 p.m. *Club 97* with DJ Cocoa Chanelle in the Annex. $5 w/o button.

Saturday, February 9
Snoccer Tournament (Finals). Time and place TBA.

2:00-4:00 p.m. 9th Annual Chili Cook-off in the Little Pub.

2:00-4:00 p.m. Community Sledding behind DKE house.

8:00 p.m. *Original P* in the Annex. $5 w/o button.

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THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Vote paves way for demise of SATs in UC admissions

(U-WIRE) BERKELEY, Calif. — A top University of California academic committee proposed the development of new achievement-based admissions tests Wednesday, moving the university closer to fulfilling UC President Richard Atkinson's call to eliminate the SAT I.

A three-hour core achievement exam and two one-hour subject exams were recommended by the Board of Admissions and Relations with Schools, which is responsible for undergraduate admissions policies, to replace present admissions tests.

The core exam would be composed of a mathematics section and a language section with a writing sample. The subject exams would test students on UC admission requirements such as history and laboratory science.

Current tests required for UC admission are the SAT I or ACT and the three-test SAT II composite. Seventy-three percent of UC applicants take the SAT, 25 percent take both the SAT and ACT and 2 percent take the ACT alone.

The call for an achievement-based test departs from the current aptitude-based SAT I. Long held as a "gold standard" of admissions tests, the SAT I's reputation for predicting student potential is "largely a phantom," the panel's report concluded.

MIT combats campus' unusually high suicide rate

(U-WIRE) HANOVER, N.H. — Criticized for having one of the highest collegiate suicide rates in the country, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology has forged ahead with an aggressive campaign to review its mental health policy and cope with the growing national trend of young adult suicide.

At MIT, 11 students have committed suicide since 1990, 10 of them undergraduates. With an undergraduate population of 4,400, that figure puts the MIT suicide rate among the highest in the country, or about twice the national average for college-aged students.

Most recently, MIT has come under attack from the parents of suicide victim Elizabeth Shin, a sophomore who set herself on fire two years ago following romantic and academic troubles. On Friday they announced plans to sue MIT for neglecting their daughter's health and not alerting them to her problems.

MIT has denied responsibility for Shin's death and will fight the claim.

Former Middlebury College music scholar released from Chinese prison

U-WIRE) MIDDLEBURY, Vt. — Tibetan music scholar Ngawang Choephel, who taught at Middlebury College between 1993 and 1994 under a Fulbright scholarship, arrived in the United States on Jan. 21 after spending six years in prison in China.

Choephel, 34, was sentenced in 1995 to 18 years in prison for espionage. An ethnomusicologist by training, he was in Tibet researching native music and dance cultures when he was arrested. Because his health was declining, the former Fulbright scholar was transferred to a prison hospital in the Chinese city of Chengdu in the summer of 2000 and released on medical parole last week.

An Associated Press report filed on Jan. 20 indicated that Choephel was "in good health" but nonetheless "expected to undergo a medical exam in Washington, [D.C.]."

According to human rights groups, the scholar suffered from multiple ailments while detained, including hepatitis and tuberculosis.

Speculation continues as to why the Chinese government decided to release Choephel, who has become a symbol of that country's widespread human rights abuses. The past few months have seen a warming of relations between China and the United States as the nation prepares itself for both the 2008 Olympics in the capital city of Beijing and economic transition into the World Trade Organization, to which it was accepted in December 2001. U.S. President George W. Bush will visit China next month.

WORLD NEWS

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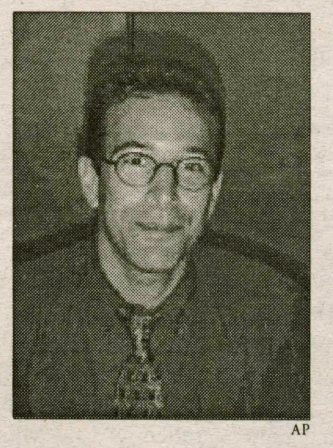
Deadline Extended for WSJ Reporter

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) - A group claiming to hold kidnapped Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl extended the deadline for killing him by one day in an e-mail sent Thursday and warned his abduction is just the beginning.



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In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell said "we are doing everything we can" to win Pearl's release, but ruled out bending to demands made in previous e-mails for the return of prisoners from the Afghan campaign.

It was impossible to determine whether Thursday's unsigned e-mail, received by Western and Pakistani media, was actually sent by the kidnappers, who abducted the 38-year-old Pearl on Jan. 23 in Karachi. However, Pakistani sources close to the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said police believe it did.

"We will give you one more day. If America will not meet our demands, we will kill Daniel. Then this cycle will continue and no American journalist could enter Pakistan," the message said.

It warned that unless the demands are met, "the Amrikans (Americans) will get what they deserve. Don't think this is will be the end. It is the beginning and it is a real war on Amrikans."

"Amrikans will get the taste of death and destructions what we had got" in Afghanistan and Pakistan, the e-mail said.

An e-mail over the weekend - the first from those claiming to hold Pearl - demanded Pakistanis captured in fighting in Afghanistan and now held by the U.S. military at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, be returned to Pakistan for trial. It said Pearl would be held in the same "inhuman" conditions as the Guantanamo prisoners.

Colombia, Rebels Urged to Hold Talks

HAVANA (AP) - Colombian business and labor leaders on Thursday urged the government and the country's second largest rebel group to immediately begin discussions aimed at halting hostilities after 38 years of conflict.

Wrapping up a three-day peace summit in Cuba, representatives also asked Colombia and the National Liberation Army, or ELN, to consider inviting the United States to participate in the peace process as an observer. Several Latin American and European countries are already acting as observers.

"I believe that society is calling on the government and the guerrillas to move from dialogue ... to deeds," said Jaime Bernal, Colombia's former Attorney General. Colombia "cannot tolerate more violence, cannot tolerate more kidnappings, cannot tolerate more death."
The talks, which began Tuesday with Cuban President Fidel Castro in attendance, and ended Thursday.

Mideast Violence Leaves Three Dead

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) - Two Islamic militants detonated a roadside bomb and then opened fire on a truck carrying Thai farm hands to Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip on Thursday. No one in the truck was hurt, and Israeli soldiers shot the attackers dead.

Later, Israeli police and soldiers entered two Palestinian security buildings in a suburb of Jerusalem and closed them down, a move to limit Palestinian operations in the disputed city.

In the West Bank, a Palestinian teen-ager was killed, apparently in a clash with Israeli forces.

Also, a Palestinian official responded angrily to a statement by Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, expressing regret that he did not kill Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in Beirut in 1982.

The militant Hamas took responsibility for the attack in Gaza, which damaged the truck. Israeli soldiers guarding the truck fired at the gunmen and killed them.

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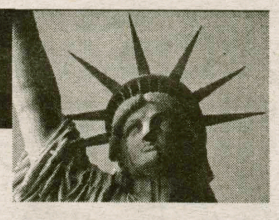

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Bush Readies Pension Reform Plans

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush, reacting to the outcry over Enron's collapse, will ask Congress to revamp pension laws to allow workers to diversify retirement accounts heavy with company stock, White House officials said Thursday night.

The proposal also would require companies to provide workers more frequent reports about their 401(k) plans and increase employer accountability when workers are barred from trading on the retirement accounts, according to an outline of the plan provided by White House officials.

"About 42 million American workers own 401(k) accounts with a total of $2 trillion in assets," the statement says. "These workers need to have full confidence in the security of their pension plans."

Bush, long associated with Enron, was announcing the initiative Friday in a meeting with lawmakers, said the officials who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Enron's bankruptcy is the subject of criminal and congressional investigations, in part because workers said they did not know the extent of the company's financial woes and were unable to sell Enron stock in their 401(k) programs for several weeks.

First Hmong Elected in Minnesota

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) - A Hmong lawyer won a seat in the Legislature, making her the first member of the southeast Asian immigrant group to be elected in the United States to a state office.

Attorney Mee Moua won a four-way special election Tuesday for the Senate seat vacated by St. Paul's new mayor, Randy Kelly.

Thousands of Hmong, an ethnic group from the highlands of Laos that was caught up in the Vietnam War, have settled in Minnesota in recent years. St. Paul has the largest Hmong population of any American city, with more than 24,000, according to the 2000 Census.

Both the National Association of State Legislatures and the National Association of Secretaries of State said they were not aware of any other Hmong candidates elected at the state level.

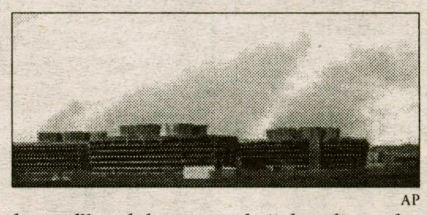
Moua, a Democrat, received 51 percent of approximately 6,000 votes cast. Her closest challenger, Republican Greg Copeland, received 29 percent.

Moua, 32, will serve until this fall, when all 201 legislative seats will be up for election. She has said she will run for re-election.

Nuke Plants Warned After Attack Tip

WASHINGTON (AP) - Acting on a tip from an al-Qaida operative, the government alerted nuclear power plants last week that terrorists may be planning an attack on a power reactor using a hijacked commercial airliner.

The alert, a copy of which was obtained Thursday by The Associated Press, said the operative claimed "the attack was already planned" and three people "already on the ground" were trying to recruit non-Arabs to take part.



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An FBI official, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said Thursday night the information was received months ago, was evaluated and has been deemed not to be credible. It re-emerged, however, through other U.S. intelligence channels within the last two weeks, prompting the NRC action.

"This information contained in the nuclear regulatory commission advisory is dated information. It is uncorroborated," the official said. "It is threat information from several months ago. The FBI analyzed it, vetted it and determined it was not a credible threat. It remains uncorroborated."

The NRC communication said the agency decided to issue the alert after an FBI agent in Washington state had contacted a nuclear power plant about the threat. The FBI official said the agent was doing routine follow-up.

Because power plants are already at the highest alert, the advisory said no additional action was needed at the 103 power reactors in 31 states.

Some key Adler issues: gender, diversity, student-staff relations

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fects 9/11 has had on many minorities in our country today.

Mitchell Morse '02 and Area Coordinator Carin Plante facilitated a discussion, which challenged its members to move beyond stereotypes while still acknowledging the pro-active role stereotypes play in society. The members unanimously concluded that stereotyping is inevitable and that the negative stereotypes, which stem from one's own insecurity and fear of those who are different, are a problem. "The hour we had together really started to open new windows for many on beginning to examine why we do what we do in our daily lives, "evolving [our own] human experience," said Moorse '02.

The third grouping, under the leadership of Dean Chris Willemsen and Millie Ramirez '02, addressed identity, or how we define ourselves and others define us. In the discussion students and faculty addressed the ever-so-cold and abundant "Hamilton Cool," and additional issues that pertained to image on campus.

PHOTO BY KATHLEEN MCGRORY '05

Matt Eng '02 and Ray Ash '02 present discussion results.

In an attempt to tackle the complex conundrum of gender issues, Professor Vivyan Adair, Nichole Wright '02, and David Kolb '02 led a discussion that explored the many differences between the sexes and stressed the absolute need for open lines of communication in order for males and females to happily coexist.

Meredith Bonham and former Student Assembly president Ray Ash '02 led a discussion on group surveyed all the different roles people assume on this campus and the conflict and cooperation that transpires between members of our diverse community. "I believe that our topic directly applied to the theme of the conference," said Ash. "Our discussion was all about imagining ourselves in one of the other roles that exist on campus, and to make an attempt to begin to empathize with what responsibilities those people have."

The sixth group that contributed to the conference, facilitated by Director of Student Activities Lisa Magnarelli and Dave Lyons '03, approached the constant issue of social life here at Hamilton. The committee came to the general consensus that more non-alcoholic events that appeal to the student body should be available. "We strived to dispel some of the myths surrounding social hosting and took in some good ideas on how to publicize social options through all modes of campus media," said Lyons.

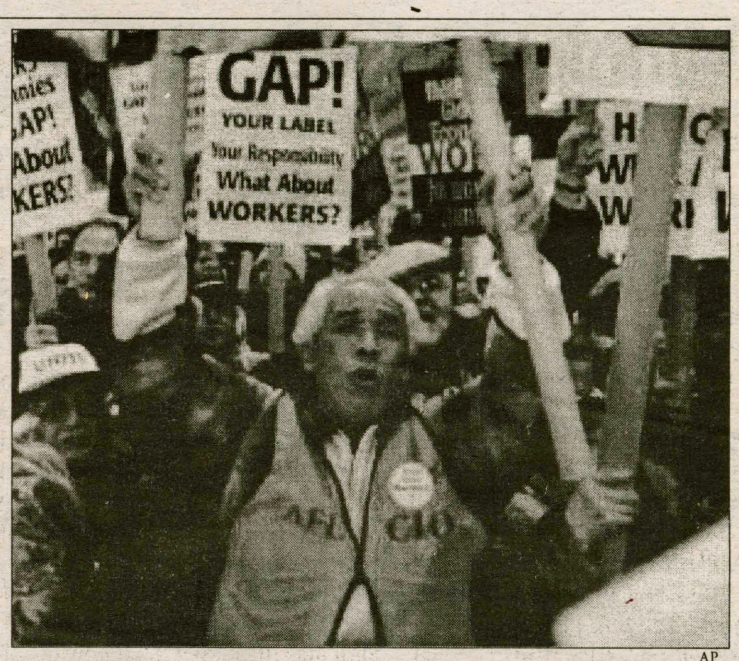
Following all of the groups' presentations to the assembly, Dean Flossie Mitchell and Professor Frank Anechiarico had the challenging task of synthesizing the afternoon's discussion and proposing themes which both link the six groups together and relate to the conference's mission to "evolve the human experience."

From the discussion Dean Mitchell and Professor Anechiarico highlighted the recurring theme of broadening communication between and among different constituents on campus. A second theme derived from the discussion was the importance of initiative on campus. Professor Anechiariaco strongly supported conversation as well as leaving one's comfort zone for the purpose of getting to know people and letting people get to know you.

"It is now in the hands of the students," said Michaane. "The success of the conference heavily relies on the initiative those in attendance take to spread the ideas of the afternoon to the entire community."

"Hamilton, as a small college, has the excellent opportunity to take advantage of its size and be a proactive community," said Dean Mitchell. "The Adler Conference is one means of working together as a community and truly brings a diverse group of people together. If we could get more students involved, the positive effects of the conference could more easily be extended throughout the campus. If I could say one thing to those not in attendance on behalf of the Adler activists, it would be that each of us has a responsibility to initiate dialogue and get involved with others here on the Hill. Don't wait for someone else! Stepping out of your comfort zone to reach out to someone else will make a difference."

Friday's conference served as a means to address the pressing and controversial issues which linger in an evolving world as well as in our communities here on the Hill.



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About 1,000 union workers and other protesters gather across from a Fifth Avenue outlet of The Gap in connection with the World Economic Forum.

W.E.F. predicts end to American Recession

by Chris Takacs '05
FEATURES EDITOR

The World Economic Forum gathered on Thursday the 31st at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Downtown New York City. The theme of this year's talk is "Leadership in Fragile Times: A Vision for a Shared Future," and it will focus on six primary issues: tightening security, redefining business challenges, reducing poverty, re-evaluating leadership, restoring sustained growth, and sharing values while respecting difference. So far, the forum has seemed optimistic about the American recession, with many delegates predicting its end in the near future. At the same time, however, it has recognized with concern high levels of poverty in the Third World and the continuing threat of global terrorism.

The Forum was moved for this year's talks from Davos, a Swiss ski resort, to New York to show solidarity with the people and city in the aftermath of the September 11th bombings. Along with the forum came a number of small, generally peaceful protests and over 4,000 police guards protecting the delegates, who are primarily politicians, academics, and businessmen, from the possibility of terrorism or violent rioting.

Klaus Schwab, the founder of the forum, stated at the opening ceremonies, that "we are gathered here to exercise, more than ever, leadership in fragile times and to develop a vision for a shared future."

While officials have predicted a quick recovery from the recession in America, the outlook is not so optimistic for Japan's economy. According to Jacob Frenkel, the former head of Israel's central bank who is now president of Merrill Lynch & Co.'s international division, Japan "will stay in a recession until it deals with its financial system and banking sector properly."

Officials also predict that Europe's economy will recover, probably in the third or fourth quarters, though more slowly than America's will.

Aside from economic issues, the forum is also dedicated to resolving security issues. Schwab said the participants are commit-

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Hewlett heir rejects proposed HP-Compaq merger

by Mithat Yaltir '03
NEWS WRITER

Walter Hewlett, the son of Hewlett Packard (HP) co-founder William Hewlett, recently launched a website urging the shareholders to vote against the HP-Compaq merger deal.

"The website was created because it's a good forum to present and consolidate information regarding Walter Hewlett's opposition to the HP-Compaq merger," a representative for Hewlett explained. The website makes it clear that Hewlett intends to use his 5.6% stake against the merger deal.

HP spokeswoman Rebecca Robboy responded, "We are and will continue to use a variety of communications tactics, including websites, to take our message to share owners, both retail and institutional. Since day one, HP's SEC filings and information on the merger have been posted on HP.com."

Current management believes that such a merger will boost HP's business. It will not only make the imaging and printing end more profitable, but also expand the company's consulting business.

In his letter to the shareholders, Walter Hewlett expressed his fear of large mergers in fast-moving computer business. Hewlett expressed concern over HP's slipping printer business that might drop further as a result of such a merger.

Nonetheless, HP and Compaq made it clear that they anticipate a sharp sales increase as a result of the merger. Managements of both companies are convinced that together they can lead the computer industry. Ironically, it is the possibility of stumbling sales that concerns Hewlett and makes the company even more skeptical. Hewlett told the fund managers that only Intel and Microsoft would benefit.

Compaq Computer Corp. Chief Executive Michael Capellas, is in favor of the $25 billion merger deal. He is confident that investors will back the deal. "Both the retail investor and institutional investor are very smart people and understand this business, and they will weigh in," he said.

In the upcoming months the European Commission will need to decide whether it will undertake a four-month investigation into the merger based on European antitrust laws. This aside, Capellas wishes to seal the merger deal quickly. "It is very important to us [that] we get this [deal] done in March - we have market momentum, both companies are performing well," he said. Sources speculate on the possibility that the companies may abandon the deal should the European Commission decide in favor of the investigation.

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Midnight Madness shows writing is anything but "drudgery"

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commonly confused words and to encourage them to be creative. Students worked alone or in pairs to write the most creative sentences using commonly confused words correctly, to create palindromes, and to decode anagrams. The winners of each game won a "fabulous" Midnight Madness T-shirt at the end of the night.

"You [students] are here tonight to learn some things about writing and to have some fun. We're going to take care of the fun part of that," said Rabinowitz.

Many of the participants enjoyed the playful atmosphere of the "Word games and more" session. "They [Rabinowitz and Williams] care about writing well, but they're not too serious to have a good laugh at it too," said Nate Raynor '02.

Carla Fabrizi '04 and Katherine Rahmlow '04 both attended the "What's your point?" session led by Eismeier; Elizabeth Jensen, professor of economics; and Alfred Kelly, Edgar B. Graves professor of history. "Professor Eismeier looked so enthusiastic that we didn't want to disappoint him by not going to his session. It turned out really well," said Rahmlow.

Lecturer in English and Director of the Writing Center Sharon Williams, who played a major role in coordinating the logistics of Midnight Madness, taught students to use new online resources for creating bibliographies. "Professors tell you what style to use, but they leave it up to you [the student] to figure out the details...That's why the online resources are so helpful," said Williams.

Williams also showed students how to decode professors' comments on a paper using the online style sheet link on the Writing Center website.

Students in Williams's session also discussed what constituted plagarism. "The way to think about attribution is in terms of honesty. There are certainly ideas that we share as a society. And, even as an undergraduate you're developing expertise in an area; you will have your own ideas. If it's someone else's idea, then give them credit. If it's yours, then you own it," advised Williams.

To help students eliminate wordiness, Kristi Campbell, visiting instructor of government, and Melek Ortabasi, assistant professor of comparative literature, showed a video called "Revising Prose."

Although the timing of the event, late at night, created difficulty for some faculty members, student participants said that other times would not have worked in their already busy schedules. "It [Midnight Madness] didn't conflict with a lot of things, so there weren't that many excuses you could give yourself for not coming," said Fabrizi.

Rahmlow added, "This is the only way they could have made this long enough to fit everything in. If it had been two hours in the middle of the afternoon, I would have still wanted to come, but I probably wouldn't have been able to."

Eismeier said that he wanted to have the event at a time when "students have lots of energy." Unfortunately, this is also a time, said Eismeier, when "faculty are usually asleep."

The professors' extra effort did not go unnoticed by students. "I appreciate the fact that so many faculty members were there until midnight. It shows the commitment the professors have to their students," said Christine Walczyk '02.

Eismeier, along with Sharon Williams, are looking for ideas for future writing events. They are currently thinking about hosting a "writeoff," loosely based on the "Survivor" television series, in which students would win prizes for the best prose written in a short time on surprise assignments.

"The idea is to emphasize that writing is hard work, but it's not drudgery," said Eismeier.

Midnight Madness contest winners:

List of winners compiled by Sharon Williams

WORD GAME 1
The most common word choice errors at Hamilton are misuse of its/it's, led/lead, and affect/effect. Compose a single sentence that uses all six words correctly - its, it's, led, lead, affect, and effect.

Winners: Chuck Lebovitz '03 & Nakul Patel '05: "I led the rally, hoping to affect the decisions of politicians trying to ban lead because of its effect on the body, but it's going to be a very tough battle."

WORD GAME 2
Compose a single sentence that correctly uses as many words as possible from the Writing Center handout "Commonly Confused Words."

Winner: Adam Lavallee '05 : "I think it's the scooter, among all vehicles, that can affect future generations and further society; its effect, bringing people farther in a shorter span of time and helping us move between two places, will allow more citizens to feel constricted by cars."

WORD GAME 3 (Note: no one won this game).
Anagrams are "words or phrases made by transposing the letters of another." A prize goes to the best unscrambling of these 3 anagrams:
DIRTY ROOM - a word associated with a college
ELEVEN PLUS TWO - another phrase that also yields 13 as the sum
GENUINE CLASS - a classy actor

WORD GAME 4
A palindrome is "a word, verse, or sentence that is the same when read backward or forward." Write an original palindrome.

Winners: Julie Kruidenier '02 & Sinan Misirli '03: "Age's a reed, a deer, a sega."

WORD GAME 5
An oxymoron is "a combination of contradictory or incongruous words." A prize goes for the best addition to this list.

Winners: Sara Heindorf '04 & Ashley Kennedy '04: "short high" (other good entries: veggie burger, black light, icy hot, civil war)

WORD GAME 6
The best alternate meaning for a word (example: coffee - a person who is coughed upon).

Winner: Alexander "Sandy" Webb II '05: "design - to remove one's signature"
(Other good entries: carpet—stuffed animal that hangs from review mirror; soil–soybean oil; artichoke—medical condition: having constricted arteries. For example, "Doc—what's the diagnosis?" "Sorry, it's as I feared—you have artichoke."; carpet: a furry toy with four wheels; buttress: hair long enough to cover one's bottom.)

WORD GAME 7
The best responses to these three questions:
What is the longest word you can think of without a, e, i, o, u?
What is the longest word you can think of with only a single vowel?
What is the shortest complete sentence you can think of?

Winner: Matt Marks '05: "rhythms," "strengths," "I am."

WORD GAME 8
The longest meaningful, non-redundant sentence without using the letter "e."

Winner: Matt Stringer '03: "I will sit in with your rock and roll band/swing band tonight and tomorrow at that bar that you guys play at four nights a month for a lousy payroll of six thousand dollars and four non-alcoholic drinks that I don't want anyway, for I only drink hard alcohol (vodka in particular); that way I am always far too drunk to know what an abysmal musician I am."

Protesters gather outside W.E.F. meeting in NYC

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ted to "helping to build a positive, peaceful, and prosperous world community, based on shared universal values and virtues."

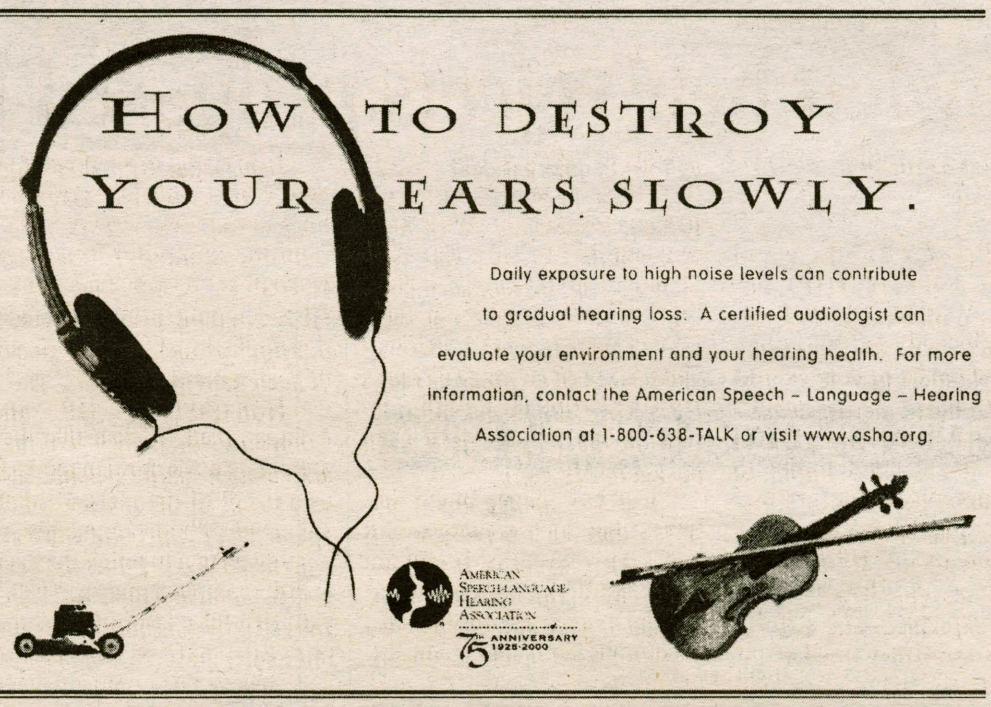
Forum delegates who are focusing on security issues have warned President Bush about using military force against Iran, Iraq, and North Korea, three countries that the President targeted in his recent State of the Union Address.

Christoph Bertram, who is the Director of the German Institute for International Affairs and Security, stated at the conference, "If you topple Saddam Hussein, there will be another Saddam Hussein somewhere else." Instead of force, officials have suggested that diplomatic and economic measures are the best and safest ways to end terrorism.

Alain Dieckhoff, research director at France's Center for International Studies and Research, said that building a strong middle class is the best way to prevent terrorism. "When you have that, it's easier to have democratic values and practices," he explained.

Meanwhile, outside the forum followers of the banned Chinese spiritual group Falun Gong sat and meditated in the street a few blocks away, protesting the forum. A small group of environmentalists calling themselves Friends of the Earth also protested outside the Waldorf Hotel, while about a thousand union workers picketted a nearby Gap. Aside from a few minor incidents of vandalism, which resulted in eight arrests, there has been no repeat of the violence seen at the World Trade Organization (WTO) gathering in Seattle in 1999, or the Mayday anti-capitalist protests in London in the past two years.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg commented that New York is a city of 8 million people, with 9 million points of view, and all of them want to be heard." He later added, as a caution to terrorists, "We won't be intimidated."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Editorial

In today's world, which is rife with political and social controversy, it is becoming more and more important to sit down with peers to discuss such sensitive subjects as race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, and international relations. In the past few weeks here on the Hill, students have met in a variety of different forums to do just that. The Adler Conference, the Kirkland Project panel, Think Tanks, and the Martin Luther King Jr. panel all provided valuable opportunities for the Hamilton community to come together and work through difficult issues.

Discussion is a necessary first step; it plays an important role in helping students form educated opinions. Equally important, however, is action. Too often it is easier to talk about things that are wrong than to take proactive steps to fix those things.

A handful of Hamilton community members have made conscious and visible steps toward action. Professor Mark Cryer wrote a play, *99*, in response to the racist and ableist comments written on a student's door last year, to help break down barriers between races here at Hamilton. The Martin Luther King Jr. day of service, the candlelight vigil after the Sept. 11 attacks, last year's bridge protests, and the Peace and Justice Action Group's trips into Utica are all examples of a community actively working for change.

Many of these volunteer events require only minimal time commitments and can have significant effects within communities. Even such small gestures as getting to know the names of the Physical Plant workers and janitors in your building could have a profound effect on staff-student relationships on campus if enough people joined in the effort.

South African author J.M. Coetzee, who spoke at Hamilton last semester, wrote in one of his novels that universities were places where they teach students to argue so that they never actually do anything. Hopefully, only the first half of this statement applies to Hamilton, which, ideally, will instill in us not only this ability to form our own logical arguments, but also the desire to act on our opinions and have the confidence to change.

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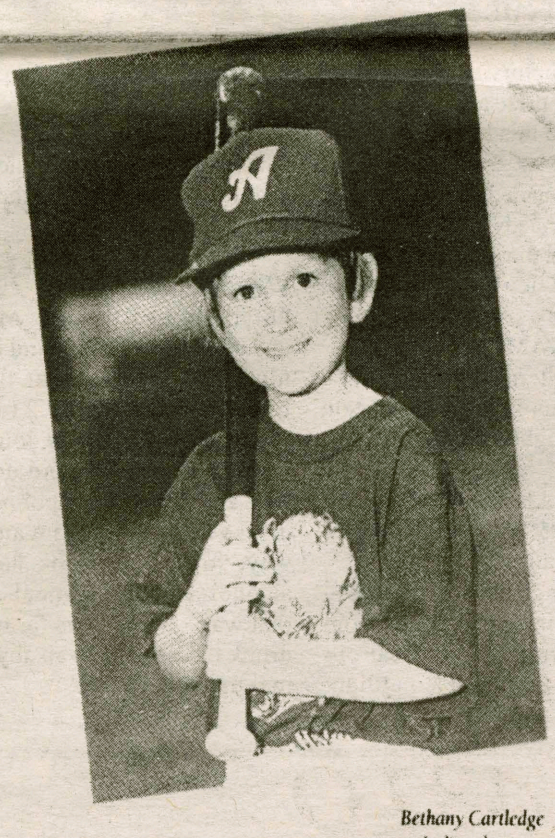
Correction

An article that ran in *The Spectator* last week incorrectly identified the origins of the Adler Conference. The conference was originally named the Higby Conference for the lodge in the Adirondack s where it was traditionally held, not after Associate Dean DePuy, whose first name was actually Hadley.



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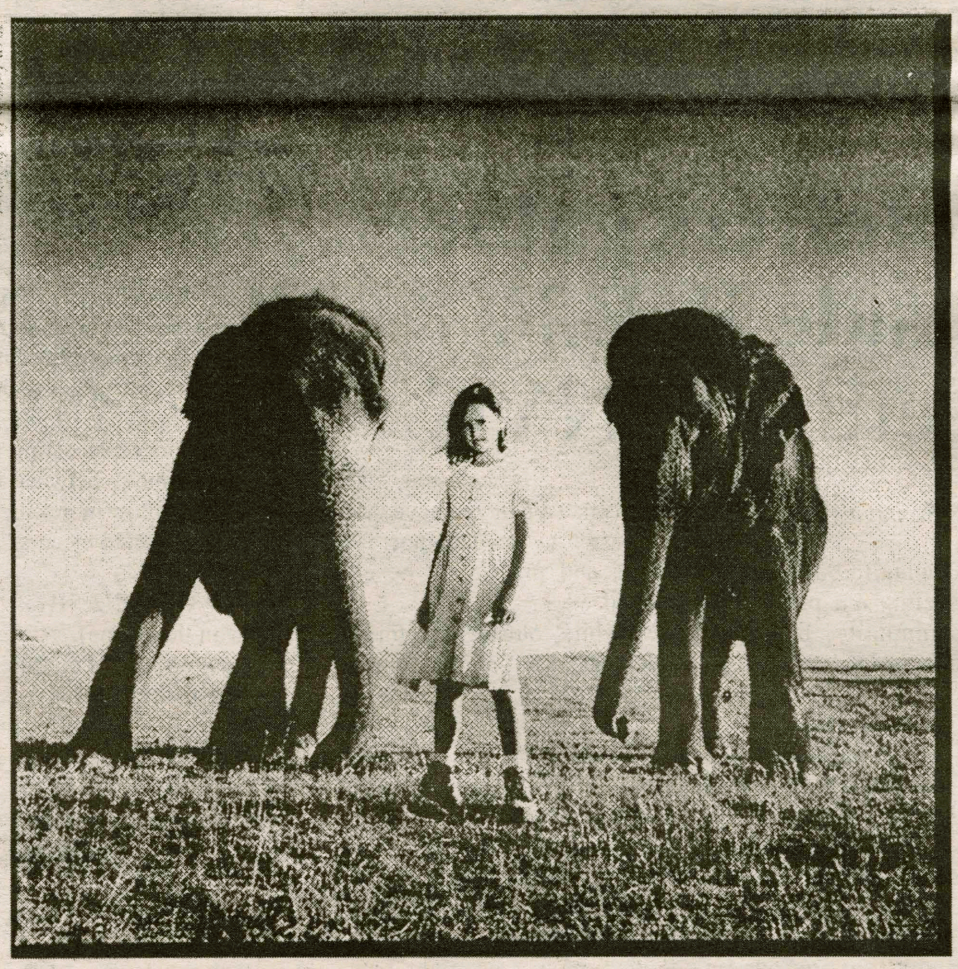

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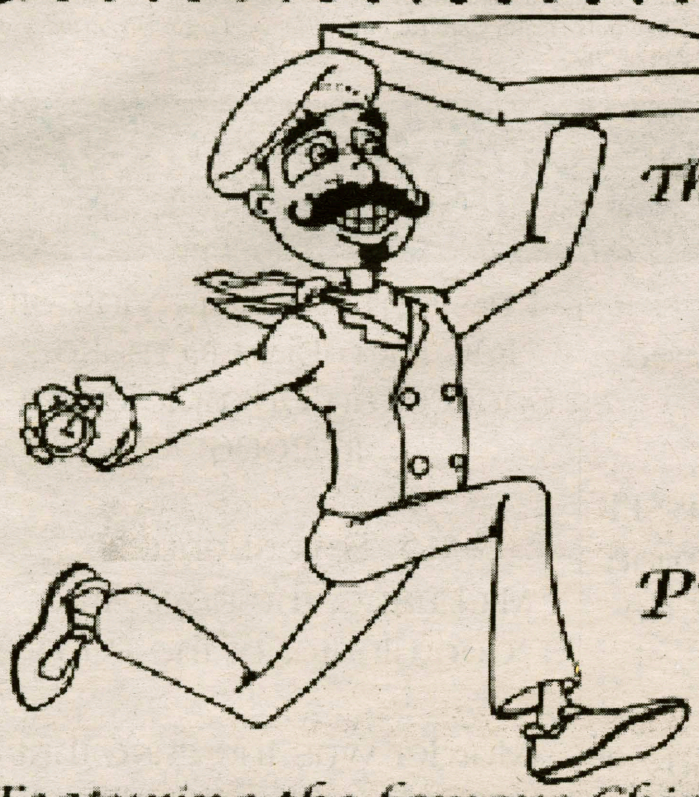

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Glory Daze, Glory Haze, Glory Whore, Glory Hole:
Gormley's journey back to the Hill

It was 3:30 am on Sunday morning and as I relieved myself against an unsuspecting piece of shrubbery, I realized that it was time to grow up.

WILLIAM J. GORMLEY '01
FORMER EDITOR

This was a midpoint in my nocturnal journey. It was right after I had been psuedosexiled from where I had planed to crash but before I met a well decorated young lady who (and I quote) "[had] four piercings you can only see with my clothes off and only one is in my belly button, Heee, Heee, Heee...Wanna look?"

Except for the impromptu gynecological exam the above suggested, yet was never consummated, much of the night is a blur of half recognized faces, passing goodbyes and subtle rebukes.

The night began as always with my unending search for a bottle of vermouth in a bar within the town of Clinton. Having found none, and resigned to drink my martinis dryer than King Kalid Military City during a Baptist revival, I began a quest to try and recapture some of that 'old school Ham Tech goodness.'

I hit up all of the old and some new strong holds of a Ham Tech good time. I played Beruit with a freshman in Dunham. I pre-gamed in South.

I had dinner at Freaking Joey's where they have great home baked bread but ask for butter and they will throw you out on you ass. A professor slapped me, seriously - he is a crazy old balding coot - don't ask.

I participated in a friend's quest to finish 10,000 Keystones by the end of the semester. I watched a bunch of 18 and 19 year olds get all slutted up and pretend to be 16 year old Catholic School girls with a less than stellar grip on the basic biblical tenets of abstinence, selflessness and no yakking on my brand new wingtips.

(Side note: God bless DU for one of the greatest ideas to ever hit a Bundy theme since the infamous and understated 'Pimps and Hos'... Lets see, a whole ZOO of girls serving room temperature 'jungle' beer and sangria or blazingly hot women dressed in plaid... which could I possibly choose. God bless you no necked bastards, God bless!)

My high school fetishes aside, the night never clicked for me. Any one should have been a good item for debauchery, but as I stood there leading a nitrogen assault on the bottom rung of the food chain, (a plant, not a TKE pledge) I was unfulfilled.

The place hadn't changed all that much. There were more bare midriffs, the khakis were all plain front and the fleeces were not all North Face, but nothing significant. I didn't recognize many faces, but it was really all the same people. I had somehow and somewhere changed. God damn it.

I had come back to the Hill to recapture the sense of isolation and blissful ignorance I possessed when I cruised though five years of colligate fun, punctuated by moments of abject terror of failure. Only nine months out of school and I had already gained many of the traditional trappings of an "adult."

I mean, don't get me wrong - I can sill shotgun a beer and pin the tail on the drunk chick with the best of them, but I have car payments, insurance, loans, a mortgage, three credit cards, I owe Blockbuster $312 for unreturned copies of Beyond the Mat and Best of Wrestlemania X-7 and a one half forming ulcer ready to break free.

With all of the other crap going on in the world both personally and globally I hoped to return to the womb and baste myself to contentment in UC. Unfortunately this was just not happening.

I can barely remember when I could devote my time to reading the Brothers Karamazof and then cementing a keg to the middle of Martins Way (yeah, by the way that was me, sorry.)

I was talking to some one in the Rok and rather than the upcoming football game (eat crap and die Pennsylvania) or somebody's Jugs being the topic of conversation, I was explaining the difference between the federal mandated Medicare part C capitated rate and the independently contracted rates for Medicaid Managed care under the Governors Health Care Reform Act of 1996.

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Jay Gormley '01 during his astonishing tenure as editor of the *Spectator*. Apparently not much has changed...

Their glazed eyes should been a sign but I plugged on being incredibly dull with out a hint of my former a-hole self blazing through.

So while like Big Mac (MacAurthur, General Douglas not the semi-illiterate steroid popping retired major leaguer with the dwarfish ommpa loompa/Rudy Gulliania Jr. son) I shall return to my corridor of Upstate, it will be as more of a spectator than a participant.

Grown up at 24 sounds a little silly, but I guess not sillier than still being a kid at 23. (Other pieces of unsolicited advice: 1. Wear sunscreen. 2. Don't drink white zin. 3. Never go into a bar were there are ears on the wall.)

My days in the trenches are over, its now time for me to concentrate on providing enough so my kids can have the same wonderful five year sojourn in which to learn about the world with out ever having to leave a town with a population of 8000 people and, on one very special, rather nostalgic Saturday night, 800 horny Catholic School girls.

Best Regards

Gorm

Note: Gorm is a former Spec editor and holds the distinguished record of earning every grade that Hamilton can give out from double F through A. He currently resides in Debuke, Iowa were he likes to go on long walks on the pacific coast beach and wet hot kisses that last for days. He is a Virgo. His birthday was on Tuesday.

THUMBS UP	THUMBS DOWN	WHO CARES?
- Carnegie's new "Never let the weekend die" Sunday parties	- The new cups at Commons, you still need two	- President Tobin paying off IOC members to make Snoccer an Olympic event in 2006
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- Union Bball Coach Jimmy Driggs returns to Clinton - not for a court appearance	- Career Center's trendy slogan: "Art majors = wasting $140,000"	- Murder was the case that they gave Chuck Spiliotis
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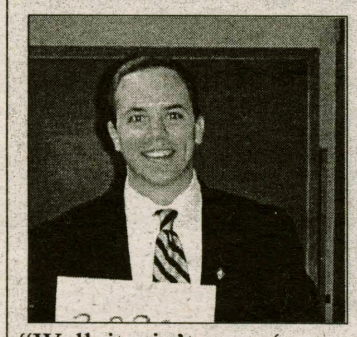
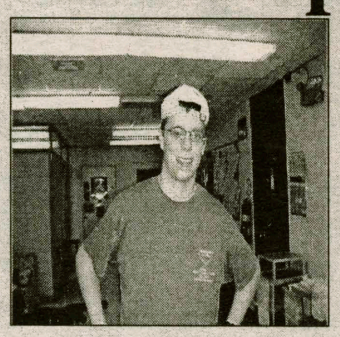
by Paul P. Jones '03, Lauren Reynolds '02, Chris Preston '03, and Dan Kaufmann '03

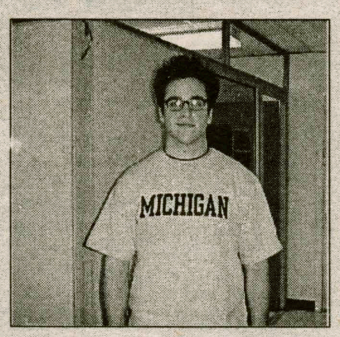
Hamilton Unscripted: What is one thing you can't live without?



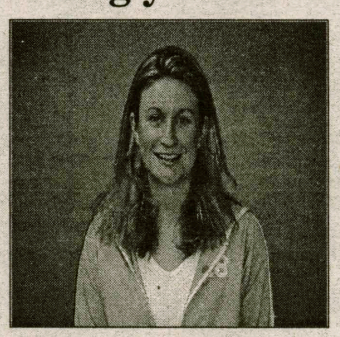
"Well it ain't sex, 'cause I'm still breathing."
-Dave Lyons '02 (x2839)



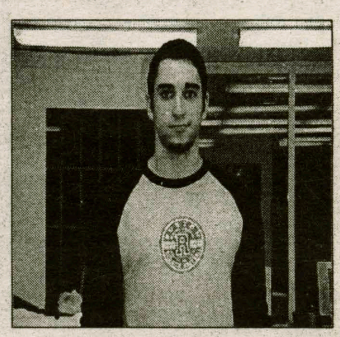
"Mr. Berbenich's credit card, because 10,000 'Stones ain't cheap."
-Paul P. Jones '03



"The half pieces of paper from the Registrar. I don't have enough of those."
-Chris Fogelstrom '03



"Beefy thugs, because the Brits are too damn skinny."
-Selena Coppock '02



"I'll tell you what I **could** live without - AD."
-Chuck Spiliotis '03 (Carnegie 402)

Lauren and Selena's Top Ten:
Mission #10: Corrupt Dunham

SELENA COPPOCK '02 AND LAUREN REYNOLDS '02

What would you do if two random seniors knocked on your door with thirty Stones in hand? It is one of the moral dilemmas that has boggled minds for generations.

What is the meaning of life? Would you cheat on your husband for a million dollars? Why is there no "c" in Don's Rok?

If you were stranded on a desert island for the rest of your life with only one food to eat, what would you choose? Can humanitarian ideals be valued in a capitalistic society?

For the first of our ten adventures before we graduate, we decided to do what nearly no senior is prepared to do - scour Dunham in search of freshman friends. Just entering Dunham took some rallying - and a few Stones.

As we sat outside, reminiscing about the convenience of the North Court bootycall, we caught a glimpse of two freshmen getting it on.

With one live porno down and twenty-eight Stones to go, we ventured into the freshman circus that is Dunham. Though we were without an 888 key, it was as if the doors of Dunham knew our mission and welcomed us "with open arms" (in the words of Journey).

We made a quick pit stop in Courtney Higgins' room, a junior who is trying to relive her days of debauchery by willingly living in Dunham.

We asked if she could recommend any guys who would welcome two senior girls and 30 Stones.

She searched the Hamilton web page for a while, but apparently "cool hotties" was not accepted in the search form. She asked us "Are you ready for this?" and revealed the names and numbers of our newfound friends.

Our mission was slightly impeded by our ignorance of Dunham's system of numbering, but we were lucky enough to find a posse of friendly girls who led us to our victims.

Reminiscent of the Hans Christian Anderson fairy tale, these girls followed the clank of Stones like rats to the tune of the Pied Piper.

Upon entering the room, we were greeted by six startled guys who had been planning on a night in front of the tube.

These plans came to a screeching halt when the two dopest seniors, decked out in full Hamilton gear, strutted into the room.

The room was divided like a middle school dance, as Lauren got the DL freshman girl gossip and Selena bombarded the guys with random hypotheticals.

We made unparalleled discoveries such as one freshman's dog, "Bella," can "beat the piss" out of his neighbor's dog.

One of the wiser men in the group announced that if stranded on a desert island, he would bring chicken.

The various ways you could cook this versatile meat would prevent boredom... except for the fact that you are stranded on a desert island.

As the number of Stones decreased, the initial awkwardness subsided as well.

With a baker's dozen of Stones remaining, we took it upon ourselves to educate the freshmen on the many things we have learned in our four years.

1. North Court was the heart and soul of the weekday social life of the campus, and the only redeeming aspect of living in Dunham.

2. Never hook-up in Minor or MacIntosh, the walk of shame is far too long.

3. Freshman year, the dorms all have an aura about them: South is "high class;" whereas North and Kirkland are their own society, because only they have experienced the 1940-era bathroom facilities.

4. If there are more than four DU guys in your class, it's a keeper.

Once all thirty Stones were consumed, we left our new friends in search of old ones.

Sitting at the Pub we realized that maybe freshman and seniors aren't that different after all - seniors are just legal. And seniors don't live in quads (unless you are Tim Berbenich.)

We may have bestowed our aged wisdom upon the freshmen, but they taught us the greatest lesson that night. (Cue Bob Sagat's closing monologue and cheesy music.)

The only difference between these freshman hanging out in their quad and the seniors hanging out in the Pub are three red words stamped on our meal cards: "Little Pub Accepted."

We're all here to get a great education, have some fun and maybe answer some of the questions burning in our minds.

We discovered what one quad of freshmen guys would do if two senior girls entered bearing thirty Stones, as well as what one freshman would choose as his solitary desert island meal - grilled cheese.

Making Sure That We All Feel Safe

CHRIS PRESTON '03
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

They're everywhere. They are the protective older brothers who check in on you from time to time, especially Thursday through Saturday nights, and they are the kind gentlemen who will give any girl a ride home at 2 a.m. and not even ask to come in.

Walking two by two in their cute little dark blue jump suits and fancying shiny black shoes that are as spotless as their all-American reputations, they are the eyes and ears of this institution.

We are of course referring to Campus Safety, those lovable little cherubs who are tireless in their efforts to keep us out of too much mischief. Night and day they patrol the farthest reaches of our campus looking out for the well being of all 1700-plus of us. However, do not let their goofy, psuedo-Dukes of Hazard appearances fool you-these guys mean business.

Don't believe us? Just try them. See what you can get away with...if anything. Trying to park outside the library so you can innocently get some work done for a few hours? The sultans of safety will slap a ticket on you faster than vultures can pounce on a freshly killed zebra. Think you can get away with hanging out with some friends for a late night of good tunes and good brew? Well then you'd better have the volume on your CD player down so low that only a dog could hear it if you don't want a loud bang on your door at one in the morning from a guy with 45 keys attached to his hip.

From the rowdiest of Carnegie miscreants to those trouble-making, baby-faced freshmen in Dunham to your standard Root Dorm hooligan, no one can escape the wrath of Campus Safety.

Stationed all across campus in their drab-looking AstroVans, the darkly shaded evil twins of the famous Jitnies, they always are either waiting impatiently by their walkie talkies or unnecessarily passing out tickets in North Lot to pass the time (I mean give us a break, if we were parked any further away we would be in Utica).

However, though their methods may be questioned-not to mention their intentions, wardrobes, and driving skills-not one of us can debate Campus Safety's status as local heroes. Their seemingly omniscient, ever-present nature makes them the most familiar collection of faces on the Hill, greeting you at every turn with a smile, an occasional friendly gesture, and, of course, a parking ticket.

So the next time you feel frightened while making a late night journey across campus, just remember, you're in good hands. As long as Campus Safety is at the helm all your deepest concerns should be instantly quelled. No music will be played too loud, no vehicle that's parked in your spot will be left un-ticketed, and no way will they ever give you a ride anywhere unless you're paralyzed or dead.

But hey, there's no denying that those massive key chains come in handy....

Insights & Ideas Preview

-The highly anticipated second installment of Selena & Lauren's "Ten Things to do before Graduation."

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To be part of the I & I adventure, email cpreston or lreynold.

This is the watch Stephen Hollingshead, Jr. was wearing when he encountered a drunk driver. Time of death 6:55pm.

Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk.

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Science

New research explains mysteries of marijuana

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

Ever have a friend call you at dinnertime to ask you for the pot? Well, if you have, and if you didn't bring them something that can be used to cook pasta, read on. New studies on marijuana have shed light on its chemistry, leading scientists to believe that the drug may have more severe long-term effects than previously believed.

These recent discoveries have again forced the drug under medical and media scrutiny; *The New York Times* published an article this week discussing the potential consequences of these new findings.

Marijuana is a drug derived from the cannabis plant. The dried leaves and flower clusters of the plant are either smoked or eaten to give you a "high," or medically speaking, to produce euphoria. The drug is a depressant, which means that much like alcohol, marijuana slows down your body's metabolism and mental processing capabilities.

The main ingredient in marijuana is delta-9-trans-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), the structure of which closely resembles endocannabinoids, natural chemicals in your body that regulate various processes, specifically appetite, pain, and memory.

Dr. Rachel Wilson, a scientist at the University of California at San Francisco, has explored the role of endocannabinoids in the hippocampus, a part of the brain with a central role in the memory process. Her studies have led her to believe that endocannabinoids help establish new memories by strengthening exchange and communication between neighboring nerve cells.

In the presence of normal endogenous cannabinoids (those normally produced by an organism), the brain is able to process experiences and make memories. However, after smoking marijuana, the level of cannabinoids in the brain jumps significantly, likely overwhelming cannabinoid receptors and accounting for fuzzy memory or forgetfulness.

Another recent study, published in the science journal *Nature*, sheds light on the chemistry behind the notorious "munchies" associated with marijuana.

Researchers have found that genetically engineered mice deficient in cannabinoid receptors eat 40 percent less than normal mice, demonstrating how the presence of cannabinoids in the brain (the level of which increases upon smoking marijuana) may induce hunger.

As for explaining the pleasant, calming effects associated with marijuana, an additional article recently published in *Science* shows that cannabinoids have the capacity to alter the mechanism of the dopamine system. Dopamine is a hormone-like neurotransmitter that has various effects on the brain and nervous system.

Scientists have also explored the addictive nature of marijuana, a claim that has long been dismissed by advocates for the drug. Trials show that the majority of people who smoke marijuana have the ability to quit.

However, it seems that a small percentage, between 10 and 14 percent, of marijuana users become strongly dependent on the drug.

This claim is illustrated by the steep increase in people admitted into rehab centers for marijuana abuse; according to the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, 10,219 New Yorkers entered rehab for marijuana abuse in 1999, compared to a mere 1,662 in 1990.

One recent addiction study conducted by the National Institute on Drug Abuse showed that when THC, the active substance in marijuana, was made available to monkeys, the animals gave themselves amounts comparable to those inhaled by people who regularly smoke marijuana. Repeated animal self-administration of drugs usually indicates the presence of addictive substances.

Additionally, there seem to be physical withdrawal symptoms associated with quitting marijuana use, another sign of addiction. Cravings, decreased appetite, insomnia, anger, irritability, weight loss, restlessness, and strange dreams often plague heavy smokers when they attempt to stop.

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Hamilton College Biology Department Seminar

Dr. Ernest Williams

Chocolate: what it is and why we like it

Monday, Feb 4
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refreshments, including chocolate, will be served!

Football, pretzels, and airway obstruction

It happened to George; don't let it happen to you

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

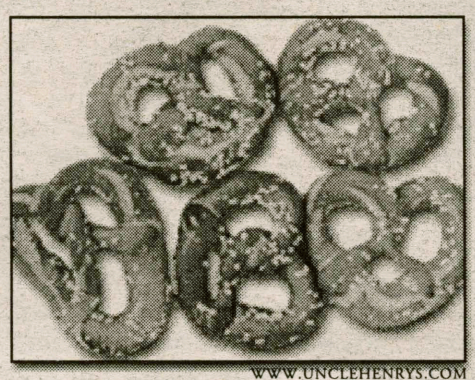
To most football fans the Super Bowl would not be complete without some quintessential snack food items. Chips, salsa, cheese, crackers, veggies, and pretzels are just a few examples of the wide array of tasty comestibles that will doubtlessly be consumed during the game on Sunday. However, this year many Americans may hesitate to include pretzels at their party.

Once a staple snack of thousands of football fans across the country, a highly publicized choking incident with President George W. Bush may put the fabulously popular snack food on the bench during the Super Bowl this Sunday.

While it was a pretzel that apparently lodged in the throat of our Commander in Chief, the salty snack is not to be held accountable. Choking, caused by food or other foreign substances obstructing the airway, can be quite serious if the obstruction is not identified and removed in a timely manner, and it can lead to unconsciousness, cardiopulmonary arrest, and brain damage.

While in many cases preventable, choking does result in 3,000 deaths each year; 78 percent of which are children, although as Bush demonstrated, adults are still at risk.

President Bush, who after eating a pretzel on January 13 during a football game, lost consciousness and fell from the couch onto the floor, fortunately sustaining only a minor cut and a small bruise. Bush fainted after the pretzel he was eating went down the wrong way and, according to his doctor, stimulated a nerve when it was caught in his throat, causing him to faint. Apparently, Bush's strenuous exercise routine causes him to have a very low pulse rate, which made him more susceptible to fainting under the circumstances.



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Pretzels and football spelled trouble for the President. This Super Bowl, chew your food.

Dr. Adriana Petretsk of George Washington University Hospital says, "It could happen to anybody. It is a typical reaction of the body of a patient who has something stuck in the throat."

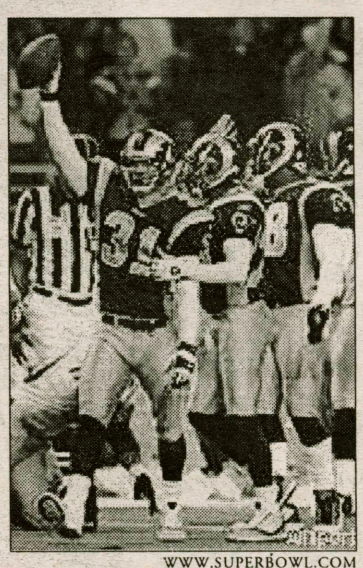
Because Bush was alone at the time of the incident, there was no one to notice any of the telltale signs that he was in trouble. Gagging, noisy breathing, and weak and unsuccessful coughing are signs that choking could occur.

These symptoms can be followed by convulsions and unconsciousness if nothing is done to help the choking victim.

The protocol for helping someone who is choking is widely known and begins with asking the victim if he is indeed choking. If the victim can breathe, speak, or cough, do not interfere, as there is a great chance he will dislodge any obstruction himself.

If the victim cannot breathe, speak, or cough, the Heimlich maneuver should be performed until the obstruction is dislodged or until the victim becomes unconscious, at which point emergency medical services should be contacted.

In some cases instead of lodging in the throat and cutting off the air supply completely, obstructions may become stuck in the throat and not affect the ability to breathe. This can lead to problems such as the bleeding of the lining of the airway and the inability to swallow other food, in which case vomiting and dehydration can result.



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In other cases a small obstruction can be inhaled deep into the lung, which may produce no initial symptoms, but may lead to infection and even pneumonia.

The easiest way to combat choking is to prevent it entirely. Cutting food into tiny pieces and chewing food slowly and thoroughly can greatly reduce the risk of choking.

It is also helpful to avoid laughing, talking, and especially yelling while chewing or swallowing; this advice may be of particular importance to anyone who is watching the game this Sunday. Avoiding excessive intake of alcohol before and during meals also helps to diminish the threat of experiencing a choking incident.

When planning the menu for Super Bowl parties this weekend, it may be smart to avoid some of the snacks that are considered to be high risk foods, such as hot dogs, nuts, carrots, popcorn, hard candy, sunflower seeds, apples, and meat chunks. However, it should be noted that all food, including the pretzel, is innocent when it comes to choking, and if eaten with care, there should be no problems.

President Bush himself has started chewing more carefully and noted, "I even fired up a pretzel the other day and it got down smoothly." As even the Commander in Chief is back on the bandwagon, it seems nothing but silly to avoid pretzels any longer.

147 volunteer for MLK Community Service Day

by Celine Geiger '04 and Patrick Danaher '04
FEATURES WRITERS

Last Saturday marked the fourth annual Martin Luther King Community Service Day, originally founded by former Assistant Dean of Students Karen Green in an effort to engage the Hamilton community in what new Assistant Dean of Students Nancy Thompson described as "an activity that would honor Dr. King in a more meaningful and lasting way than simply attending a lecture."

A record 147 staff, faculty, students, and town residents volunteered their time at 15 different agencies in Clinton and Utica, including The Loretto Center, Thea Bowman House, Emmaus House, ElderLife, Lutheran Homes, Alterra Village, Clinton Library, Clinton Arena, Children's Museum, Salvation Army, Utica Rescue Mission, Cosmopolitan Center, Boy's and Girl's Club, Hope House, and New Horizons.

They met in the Events Barn on Saturday morning and, after brief speeches about King and community service, left on busses to their various sites. In the late afternoon they returned to campus for a banquet in the Bundy dining hall.

The end result was judged to be hugely successful by participants and organizers alike. College Chaplain Jeff McArn, who helped organize the trip, attributed part of the day's success to the participation of various groups, which constituted a large percentage of participants. A variety of student groups participated, including BLSU, La Vanguardia, Alternative Spring Break, and several Greek societies. About a fifth of the students came from the women's field hockey and lacrosse teams.

Kerri Spindler-Ranta '02, one of the organizers of the event and a former co-director of HAVOC, was also happy with the outcome of the day. "After planning Make A Difference Day last semester for HAVOC, I was very impressed with how smoothly MLK day ran in comparison."

She was also pleased with the turnout. "We had 150 people sign up, and about 145 actually showed. There were even people who came Saturday morning who hadn't signed up but just wanted to help out."

"We sent people out to various sites, mostly to help with cleanup and organization."

Spindler-Ranta also mentioned that these volunteer projects might help improve declining town-school relations. "It's an important annual event that will make Hamilton more of a positive presence in the local community," she explained.

For McArn, the trip is about far more than just community service. He feels that one goal of the event is to bridge the gaps that we live with, both between the campus and the surrounding towns and between students and faculty. "A large part of it is learning. It is really as much about what we get from it as what we offer." He was more than pleased with that aspect of the project. "It was, in a word, inspirational," he said.

"[A community service excursion] was the ideal way of honoring the King legacy," said McArn. Lamenting the sharp division between the Hamilton community and the surrounding areas, he said the project was "a way to break down barriers between us and the community, to cross that bridge into that world. For me that makes a perfect connection with King."

He mentioned a quote from King's final sermon: "We must learn how to live together as brothers, or we will perish together as fools. We are tied together in a single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the way God's universe is made."

Dean Thompson agreed with McArn and Spindler-Ranta's evaluation of the event. "All in all," said Dean Thompson, "it was a wonderful day, and the response from students and agencies was very positive. A number of students are hoping to be able to continue work they began at agencies such as the Children's Museum, where volunteers are desperately needed. We hope that students were reminded of the fact that, although we live on this beautiful hill, we are part of a larger community where we can really make a difference."

The words of student participants suggest that organizers' hopes for the project have been fulfilled. "This was my first time participating in the MLK Community Service Day, and it was absolutely wonderful," declared ASB participant Carly Capitula '04, who went to the Utica Boys and Girls Club.

Describing her work, she said, "[The club] is under a new 'renovation.' My group of about 11 people moved books and a refrigerator down steep stairs into the basement and painted. The Club is having a "Grand Opening" for a new learning center this February, and we were able to help make it look a little better and help them prepare for the big celebration.

"There were kids running around that day, so we did get to interact with them. There was one little girl that attached herself to me for most of the day. She wanted desperately to be able to paint, but couldn't. Therefore, she took the liberty of telling me where I had missed, but we also had a lot of time to chat. Getting to know her was the best experience of the day for me."

"I am so glad that I participated in the MLK Community Service Day this year," she went on. "It was amazing. To do work for someone, even though it was really a short amount of time, and to know that they really appreciated it gave me a feeling I can't even describe. The experience left me with such a positive outlook for the rest of the weekend. I am actually thinking of looking into volunteering at the Boys and Girls Club because they are in need of new volunteers for the new learning center."

Michelle Fucci '04 echoed Capitula's words: "I really enjoyed Saturday. It was my first time attending, and I went to Hope House, where I painted the stairwell of this soup kitchen. Although the day was long and the work was tiring, the people in charge of Hope House were so thankful and welcoming to us, trying to make our work less stressful.

"I had gone into the day not knowing what to expect, but when I got there in the morning and saw so many people there ready to help, I was definitely inspired, and I went into the day with a better attitude. Hamilton should definitely do more things like this. I think it's clear that it's something that Hamilton students/faculty want to take part in."

Hamilton held its first Martin Luther King Community Service Day four years ago when Karen Green, then the Dean of Students and Multicultural Affairs, decided that Hamilton should observe the national holiday differently. Previously, Hamilton had observed the day on its official date, also the first day of the spring semester. Not surprisingly, attendance was sparse. McArn described these Monday celebrations as poor remembrances of King's legacy, doing nothing but drawing an "anemic crowd for a gathering in the Chapel."

To increase participation, organizers moved the event to the first weekend after the holiday, when students were less occupied than on the first day of classes.

Since she and others felt that our celebrations themselves were also lacking, Green decided to have Hamilton do more to honor King's legacy. Nationally, MLK Day was becoming a community service day, advertised with the slogan "don't take a day off; take a day on." So Hamilton, on the Saturday after the Monday holiday, held its first MLK Community Service Day, and attendance skyrocketed.

We've celebrated Martin Luther King Day this way ever since, and people have generally been thrilled with the results. Since Karen Green left Hamilton to work at Wells College last fall, the program has been the responsibility of McArn, Thompson, and Ryan Lovell, an area coordinator for the Dean of Students Office. At the banquet at the end of the day, Lovell was the recipient of the "Manatee of Goodwill" prize, a stuffed manatee presented as a reward for his efforts in the project.

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Jeff McArn, college chaplain, shared an excerpt from one of King's sermons: "We must learn how to live together as brothers, or we will perish together as fools. We are tied together in a single garment of destiny, caught in an inescapable network of mutuality. And whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. For some strange reason I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. And you can never be what you ought to be until I am what I ought to be. This is the way God's universe is made."

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Byron Miller '02, amateur dance instructor, volunteered at the Loretto Center, inspiring a smile from an elderly resident.

Exposé: the psychology of the beard revealed

by Amy Kopriva '02 and Chris Takacs '05
FEATURES EDITORS

While walking along Martin's Way, you can't help but notice them. One, two... three of them, suddenly bombarding you with their masculinity. No, it's not a wandering clan of cavemen. It's just the minority of males on campus who have liberated themselves from the razor. Yet recently, these few seem to be spreading their influence upon once-smooth-faced males on campus. The Features Section of the *Spectator* felt it their duty to report this unsettling phenomenon, undercovering common reasons why there seems to be more facial hair at Hamilton.

It seems that there are many practical reasons why more guys at Hamilton have sprouted facial hair. Chuck Lebovitz '04 informs us why he first started growing a beard: "I would grow it for football because it would make the chin strap more comfortable. That would carry over into hockey season. I also found that when I went skiing it would keep my face warm, so I kept it." Professor Raybeck of the anthropology department similarly remarks that his beard is his "blessed little face-warmer." Having grown his first beard at nineteen while "working in the bush in Alaska," Raybeck appreciates the advantage of an extra layer of warmth over his face. Judging from this, it seems all too possible that the weather has been the cause of many new beards on campus. Though the winter has been calm relative to past years, the expectation of snow may have caused a few once-smooth-faced students to start sprouting over Christmas break in preparation for the cold. Still, Professor Ernest Williams of the biology department does not think this theory holds water; "beards do not provide insulation, although they may reduce wind chill."

Of course, there is always the laziness factor,which could play a large part in the issue. Shaving can be a nuisance, many men simply give up (at least for a while) and abandon the razor. As Raybeck rightly warns us, "the end result of not shaving is a beard." There are some, however, who spit into the wind and deny themselves a smooth face simply because, like Kevin Thompson '04, they think that "it's a big hassle to shave."

College Chaplain Jeff McArn agrees; "For me there is only one reason that justifies facial hair: sheer laziness." You can discern this "lazy beard" from normal, more intentional beards by examining if the beard is kept well trimmed or is uneven, and if the neck is shaved or patchy. If there appears to be no definite signs of trimming, rest assured this man obviously has better things to do than shave.

Most on campus, however, flaunt facial hair for other various, and often personal, reasons. Matt Child '04 comments that his beard "gives the illusion of a chin," and that "when [he] had to shave it for a firefighter training course, [he] looked like a Russian peasant woman." Meanwhile, McArn states his reason for joining the club: "I kicked the shaving habit in grad school while reading *The Brothers Karamozov*. It just seemed like the thing to do."

When asked why he has a beard, Lebovitz asked, "Why not? I thought it was time for a change, a little project."

McArn comments, "Once you've made the decision to go over to the fuzzy side, there is a strange vulnerability that comes about in shaving off a beard. Your jaw looks weaker or smaller, and all of a sudden you look like someone else. Oddly enough, it was just at the time I started to grow the beard back that I met the woman who was to become my wife."

Many actors grew out their facial hair over break, because of their upcoming performances in *Fiddler on the Roof*, (some for the first time), Ryan Burns '05, who is in the play, comments that he's only had his for three weeks. McArn appreciates the bravery of these cast members; "I applaud the cast of *Fiddler on the Roof* for undergoing the acquistion of beard for a *theatre verite* look."

As Professor Jay Williams of the religious studies department recalls of his first time, "The worst part is the beginning when it itches. After growing, it doesn't itch, but some people don't even get that far." Keep your eyes peeled for incessant facial scratching a sure sign of a new beard. These, however, seem few and far between, especially with veterans of the world of facial hair such as Professor Raybeck, who has had his for 32 years, as well as students like Matt Child (since sophomore year, high school) and Timothy Emmerick '05 (eight years and counting).

Unlike those students who view facial hair as a symbol of laziness or as having practical benefits, a few hair-bearing professors we talked to argue that facial hair trends signify important changes in history, psychology, and social interaction. For example, Jay Williams acquired a beard as a means of social protest. Although like most men he had always wondered how facial hair would suit him and planned on experimenting with it, the Vietnam War was a convenient catalyst for fulfilling his long-held curiosity. He explained, "I have had a beard since 1968. I said that I would not shave it off until the troops left Cambodia." Thirty-six years later, Jay Williams still has the same look and does not have any plans for change. Jay Williams also believes that the popularity of facial hair varies according to historical periods. He commented, "I think it changes by age. In American history, nearly all men grew facial hair during the Civil War, but no 20th century president has had a beard."

McArn agrees, "Beginning with Abraham Lincoln, there was a good run of almost 50 years where U.S. presidents sported some form of facial hair. Let's bring back the presidential look of old!"

Although Jay Williams did not speculate about the reasons for these periods of high growth, Raybeck believes that the desire to show support for the troops motivated many men to stop shaving. Abstaining from shaving symbolized an attempt to identify with the soliders' plight through physically looking more like them. Raybeck continued his historical analysis by providing a timeline for twentieth century events and their hairy connotations. According to Raybeck, the social reaction to the presence of facial hair has changed: "In pre - WWII era it was a very strong statement that you were a non-conformist. In the early 1960s it was a milder statement. In 1968-1969 it represented an extreme political statement. Having a beard represented a form of counter-culture. It's the antithesis of what the good business man would do, and so you did it. In the 70s and 80s, beards were out. Now, we are loosening up." Neither Jay Williams nor Raybeck mentioned how the war in Afganhistan might impact facial hair trends of today. In fact, Jay Williams lamented, "now, no one seems to pay much attention."

Jay Williams believes that other forms of personal expression have lessened the significance of facial hair, and these days there are other means of social protest through physical alterations. "Piercing is the new form of protest, but it's different because it is a more permanent change," he said.

Lebovitz challenges Jay Williams's gender-neutral suggestion, stating that "piercings are okay for girls but not for guys. If you are a guy and you have an earring, you might as well go get a skirt."

Despite our findings of many professors and students with facial hair, not to mention piercings, Jay Williams stated, "I don't really see many signs of protest on this campus. I do think it's about personal expression, but I don't think men analyze it [their decision to grow facial hair] that much."

Although Jay Williams commented that there will always be a minority of the male population who will have facial hair, Raybeck believes that academic interest impacts the probability that a man will acquire facial hair. He said, "In the disciplines of social sciences and humanities, facial hair is more common because those professors are active critics of the system. Amongst male professors of anthropology, it is very common." Raybeck, who has previously been noted in our section this year for his informal, comfort-motivated dress style, said, "I teach in jeans. If something else were more comfortable, I'd wear that." Recognizing his deviance in the realms of both dress and hygiene, he noted with a sly, proud smile, "Obviously, I get away with murder, but if you do the job well, you get leverage."

Facial hair shape and style is also quite various on campus, with a good deal of debate as to what a real beard should look like. "There's a full range in types of beards, from long, scraggly, and fully unshaven to short with trimmed margins." Ernest Williams comments. "Mine is closer to the latter type, and I do regularly shave my neck and cheeks. Why? I just prefer the neater style of beard."

Emmerick points out , "Us

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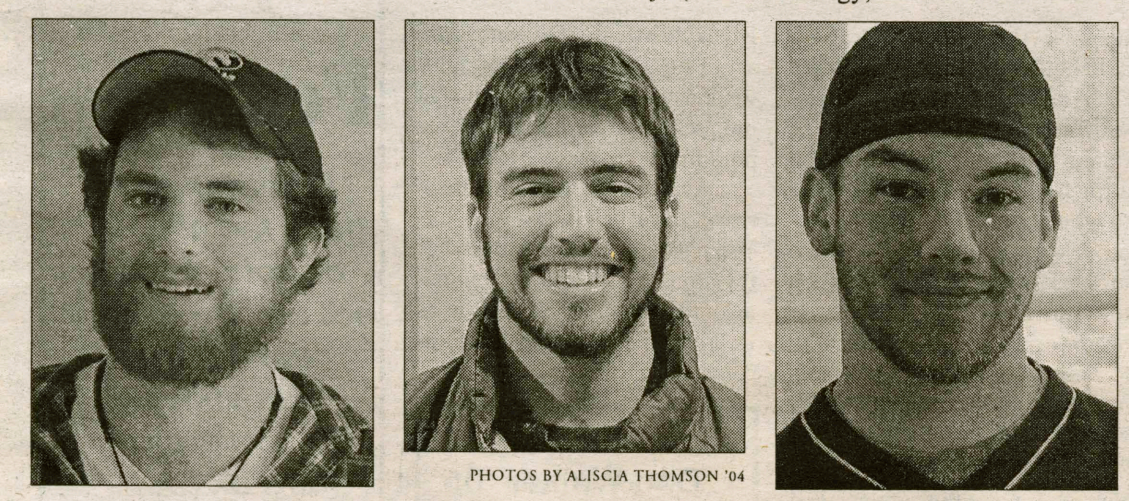
Can you identify the owners of these beards? Answers at bottom of page 14. (Photos by Aliscia Thomas '04)



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Cameron Johnson '03, Timothy Emmerick '05 and Ryan Burns '05 flash a smile from beneath their hairy upper lips. According to recently shaven Greg Ghiozzi '03, "facial hair is less a physical characteristic than it is a lifestyle." We wonder if these three agree.

Antarctica trip participants return after successfully establishing a new method of sediment dating

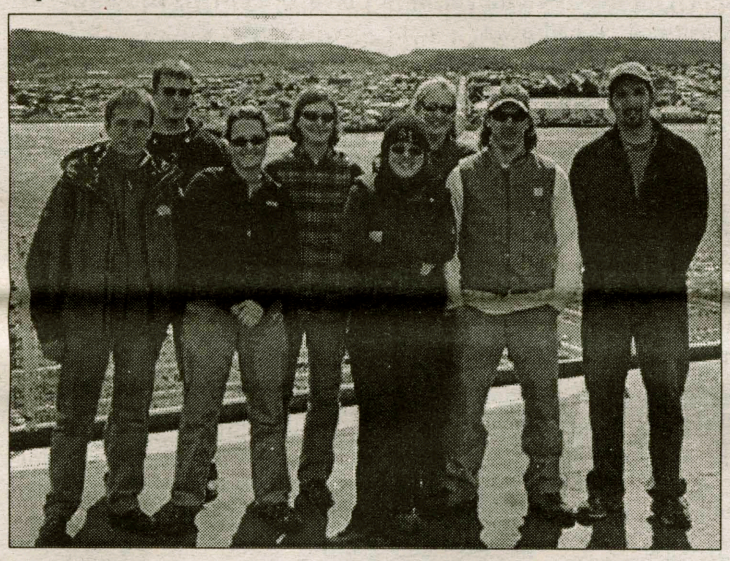
by Lauren Perkins '04
FEATURES WRITER

Geology Professor Eugene Domack describes the environment of the Antarctic as "wild and pristine," a place unlike any other. Domack first visited the area in the late 1970s and has been bringing Hamilton students there annually since the mid 1990s. This past December, a group of students from the Hill packed their bags for another research voyage that would last nearly two months.

Participating students included Emily Backman '04, Diana Duran '03, Andrew McCloskey '04, and Kate McMullen '02. The Hamilton team also included Dave Tewksbury, a geology technician and photographer with much experience in the Antarctic. Three additional students from separate institutions also assisted with the research.

The trip is primarily supported by the National Science Foundation. Grant proposals are developed two years prior to a voyage and cover all student costs and include research stipends. The opportunity for undergraduates to participate in such a venture is exceptional. Hamilton is virtually the only institution in the country with a program in the Antarctic that is staffed by undergraduates. Tewksbury added that "most graduate students are rarely able to participate in a research opportunity like this one."

A cruise in the Antarctic with the geology department is of course vastly different from a cruise a typical college student may take during Winter Break.



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Professor Eugene Domack, of the Geology Department, has been bringing students to Antarctica since the mid-1990's. Hamilton is one of few institution in the country to have a program staffed by undergraduates, and is lucky enough to be funded by the National Science Foundation.

Domack admits that the voyage included much "tedious labor" that wasn't always fun. However, students were given the opportunity to work beside senior scientists and deal with important scientific problems.

The focus of the cruise was to develop a completely different method of dating sediments in the Antarctic environment. This is done by studying mineral grains that have been buried in sediment. The team used a CTD machine, a device that transmits salinity, temperature and depth to the ship to collect suspended sediment in the water. Ultimately, the team is looking to find out how old the grains in sediment cores are, based on their knowledge of the suspended particles.

The core samples collected in the Antarctic are sent to Florida State University, where they are placed in storage facilities. The cores will be examined at the university, and the resulting data will then be sent back to Hamilton for interpretation. Domack explained that the amount of data collected is immense and profoundly important for the geology department. The team was even able to explore areas never before studied. Students will be able to study the data in the years to come. Therefore, students who were not present on the cruise will be able to follow up on the trip's findings with future research.

Domack describes the experience as "humbling" for students and senior scientists alike. Emily Backman explained, "The trip exposed me to the world of a researcher, and I was able to meet many interesting people. I learned a lot about myself."

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Kate McMullen '02, a veteran of the trip, comments, "I think that doing research in Antarctica has changed my life. I now know that I want to work down there [in the future]."

Times weren't always easy, she recalls. "It was hard to maintain a regular life onboard. We worked in twelve-hour shifts around the clock."

`Kate McMullen remembers most of her off-shift time being spent either watching movies or sleeping. One of her most memorable moments on the cruise was a frigid "polar plunge" that included a brief swim in water just above freezing temperature.

She says that "it was really refreshing, and it is just one of those things that you have to do when you are in Antarctica.

For students to spend an entire winter vacation doing academic work and to be apart from family and friends during the holidays, one may think that the decision to be part of the venture would be a difficult one. McMullen, a two-time veteran of the Antarctic voyage, would beg to differ. "I think that doing research in Antarctica has changed my life. I now know that I want to work down there [in the future]." Backman commented on the great sense of adventure a researcher in the Antarctic experiences. She also claims that further research in the area may be in her future. Her work will set the framework for her thesis project a few years down the road.

The construction of the new science building will also include state-of-the-art facilities, like those at Florida State University, for the storage of Antarctic cores. The department feels this will be a wonderful addition to Hamilton's geology department. The new storage will serve as a regional facility.

Domack described this year's team as a group of individuals who have been "bitten by the Antarctic bug." He went on, "[The environment is] truly remarkable and difficult to describe." It is a scene that only a fortunate few have been lucky enough to witness firsthand.

What lies beneath the beard trend?

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'beard rockers' are a committed bunch. If you are going to try to front the chin fuzz, seriously, don't go half-assed. I'm talking go full bush or go home."

Lebovitz sharply disagrees, stating that he doesn't have a full beard because "I don't feel like looking like an old man." Color consistency is also a factor for Lebovitz, who remarks, "At least three people a day ask me about my beard, because I have brown hair but a red beard. It just grows in this color. They either look at me with curiosity or disgust."

Raybeck contributes further to our understanding of the beard phenomenon by stating, "You have to be a man to have a beard." As beards are unique to men, the question of a female equivalent (fashionwise) to a beard is raised. "I think a parallel for women would be really short hair styles, or in positions of responsibility, dressing very informally" Raybeck informs us.

As it is a uniquely male characteristic, some feel that masculinity issues come into play, though Lebovitz points out that "it isn't necessarily more manly; it depends on the guy. For example, look at the Backstreet Boys. That's horrendous."

Still, women's opinions of men's facial hair (or lack thereof) remain mixed. Raybeck comments that his wife thinks he looks better with a beard, while Professor Orvis states that his wife "thought the beard bore a striking resemblance to a Brillo Pad-- need I say more?"

Ernest Williams, in contrast, thinks that "many women find it attractive." The jury is still out as to whether females students approve or disapprove. The Features section encourages women to write in with their stories of horror or delight upon returning to campus and encountering this new trend. Also, if there are any women out there who would like to volunteer their men to be shaved for a good cause, Jeff McArn is offering a unique opportunity: "If there are any bearded men out there who might like to explore a fundraising opportunity for Alternative Spring Break, to offer to shave his beard at our ASB auction on March 1 if we raise a certain amount of money, I'd love to explore that possibility."

As Greg Ghiozzi '03 theorizes, "facial hair is less a physical characteristic than it is a lifestyle." If Greg is right, expect a continuing influx of beards on campus, as well as the attitudes that accompany them.

Answers:
1. Dan Walker '05
2. Matt Child '04
3. Prof. Raybeck
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Write For Features

Whether you have facial hair or not. We do not discriminate against the clean-shaven. Oh yeah, girls are ok too.

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Weiss '02 recounts his tale of Bolivian adventure

by Mac Weiss '02
FEATURES WRITER

In response to the Features section request last semester for stories of students' abroad experiences, Mac Weiss contacted us and sent us his story. Mac is a senior economics major who went on Duke University's "Duke In The Andes" program, based in La Universidad Mayor de San Andres. In Mac's words, "I chose this program primarily because I wanted to develop my Spanish-speaking ability in a way that would immerse me in another culture. I chose Bolivia because I didn't know anything about it. And, since I'd been to Spain, I wanted to see a different continent and a different way of life."

"What follows is an account of not only the Spring Break I embarked on last May, but also the entire semester. I aim to educate (and; hopefully, entertain) people about a place scarcely known to North American ears. Perhaps this is a reason to read more about South America and the Andes. For me personally, I feel a greater sense of brotherhood with Bolivians. I've acknowledged a whole continent in the span of four months. I hope students here are so lucky and do take the self-opening opportunity Hamilton and other study abroad programs provide. Enjoy!"

Imagine you're living in South America in Bolivia, a country slightly smaller than Alaska. Hard to do? More specifically, you are a student in mountainous La Paz, the country's most populated city (approximately one million people) and its official capital, with about one-eighth of the entire population. Since you live in la Zona Sur, you have to take a "trufi," a taxi that is almost invariably an early '90s Toyota Corolla, up to the main part of town. And, if you're lucky enough to be the fifth passenger into the vehicle, you have to brave the "death seat." This is the 6 and 1/2in X 11in. cushion that you must squeeze in between the driver and the passenger to your right. There are no seat belts, and La Paz drivers tend to be aggressive up and down La Paz's mountains; thus, we have the death seat. Once downtown, you see a business district, complete with modern glass and steel buildings, that doesn't rival downtown Syracuse, but surely makes Utica squirm.

Ok, enough background. The fact was that I was dying to get out of my quiet mountain town and on my spring break. Where to go? Some people went to Venezuela, others to los Galápagos, still others to the warmer, less windy climate of Santa Cruz (eastern Bolivia). I had my sunglasses and sunblock already because both are necessities under La Paz's intense sun. The only thing I was missing was...a little company. Being that she had some final exams to take four thousand miles away, I had to find some new companions with whom to travel to Arica, Chile—although small, it seemed more prosperous than my own town, which is only to say that the very poor were given shacks by their government—and THE BEACH!

Among my cohorts were two young ladies who got in the habit of sharing a bed. More on that later.

Arica is on the coast of the Pacific just over the Cordillera Oriental of the Andes. It was only about 200 miles, but South American drivers are sticklers for speed limits and got us there in a conservative 9 hours.

The plan was to beach-hop down northern Chile and pull a U-turn when the scene lost its flavor. But, pursuing this plan would've meant that we would not have been able to see an amazing place, according to every Bolivian whose acquaintance I made: the Salar de Uyuni in southwestern Bolivia, one of the biggest salt deserts in the world. To get an idea of its size, square the mileage from Clinton to Albany. It also provides salt to the entire country. Since we would be so close to Uyuni anyway, what would be wrong with a slight change in plan? Nothing, if we weren't going to travel three days in a f****** desert wearing flip-flops and bathing suits!!

PHOTO BY MAC WEISS '02

A lone mountain towers over Laguna Verde, one of many places Mac Weiss went during his trip to Bolivia. Weiss '02 reflects, "For me personally, I feel a greater sense of brotherhood with Bolivians. I've acknowledged a whole continent in the span of four months. I hope students here are so lucky and do take the self-opening opportunity Hamilton and other study abroad programs provide."

Having set our itinerary, we traded Arica's sandy tranquility for Iquique's (ih-kee-kay) paradise. Fossils. That was the beach. Fossils. But Iquique did have its redeeming parts. We spent the whole next day immersing ourselves in traditional folk dancing. Well, no, I can't back that up. We went to an enormous mall and watched *The Wedding Planner* (not a guy movie) and *13 Days* (not a good movie). At least we were damn proud of being the only Americans in a very Americanized place.

The last town on the Chilean part of our tour was San Pedro de Atacama, a small touristy town 10 hours and a 3 a.m. drug check (this is South America) from Iquique. We gained altitude, preparing for a ride up to the Geysers de Tatio. In San Pedro we ignored a tour company representative's advice not to go into the desert without sleeping bags. We would show him. Instead, we armed ourselves with a smelly llama-wool blanket and the resolution to wear all the clothes we owned.

My wakeup call again came at three in the morning, this time not for a random drug check, but for the Geysers de Tatio. The best time to see them is before and during sunrise, so we crawled into our minivan and marched up to 4300m (14,100 ft, ears popping all the way), reach the geisers before dawn.

The bubbly, steamy fountains were nice as my first experience with geisers, but it wasn't the most exciting thing. None of them shot more than a couple of feet into the air, and the hot springs were not hot enough for me to shed my clothes, so I let others do so and waited for the ride home.

After a night of cold pasta and a colder bed, we set out for Bolivia and the Salar de Uyuni.

We stopped our Pathfinder along the way to see a series of colored lakes. These lakes actually appeared deep green and blood red. We were told that the water washing over the mineral deposits gave the lakes their coloration.

At night our travel company put us up in a drafty flat with paper-thin walls. At this point my female companions could not resist each other. In the middle of the night, one asked the other if she could join her in bed. The reason she gave was that it was about 20 degrees Fahrenheit, and her two sheets weren't warm enough.

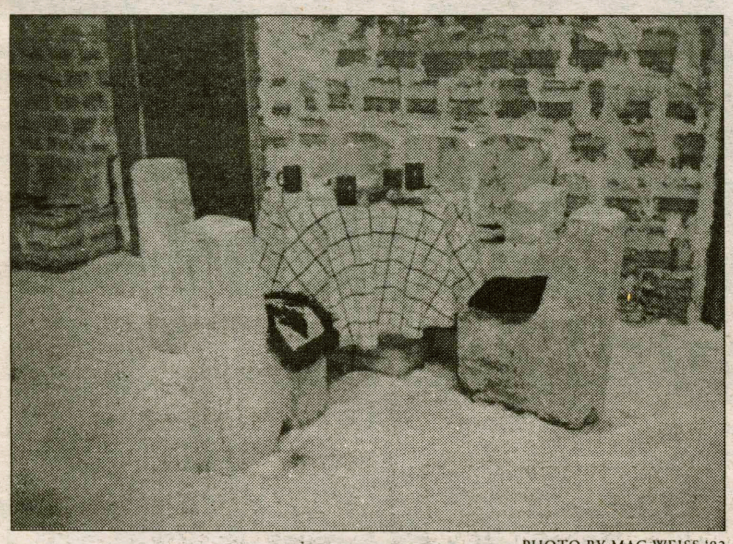
The next day we tore across a reddish, gravelly desert for four hours, only to arrive at a flooded Salar de Uyuni. The rainy season had been over for three months, but there were still a good four inches of water covering the white desert. The terrain of the Salar de Uyuni usually appears as many little hexagons, but the water made getting a picture of this famous pattern impossible.

We splashed on to the salt hotel, where one can stay for $30-$60 U.S. (by Bolivian standards, very expensive). We didn't get a chance to spend the night and so missed out on the chance to sleep in a bed made of salt, sit in salt chairs, and stare at salt walls. The entire hotel was compacted salt that was manufactured by a process that requires several months. Even though it was under construction, it only had about 10 rooms in all.

There was also la Isla del Pescado, which was a rocky island in the middle of the desert. On the island some cacti and rabbits resided, but they kept to themselves, so we had a peaceful lunch and went on our way.

Back in Uyuni, we had a classic Andean tourist dinner: fried chicken and French fries. And my cold, cold friends couldn't get enough of each other and decided to be together again for the night. I was their roommate, so I had to be flexible and allow them their indulgence.

Early in the morning, we picked up our bags and boarded a bus with some smelly Bolivians to return north. I was hacking a bit from the dry air, but that was some fun I don't know if I'll ever have again. If you can, I recommend you try it yourself.



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At the climax of his trip, Mac visited, in the center of the Salar de Uyuni (the salt desert), the Salt Hotel. One can stay at the hotel for a reasonable $30-$60 per night (quite expensive by Bolivian standards, Mac informs us).

Most Hamilton students (55%) have four drinks or less (or none at all) on nights they go to parties or bars.

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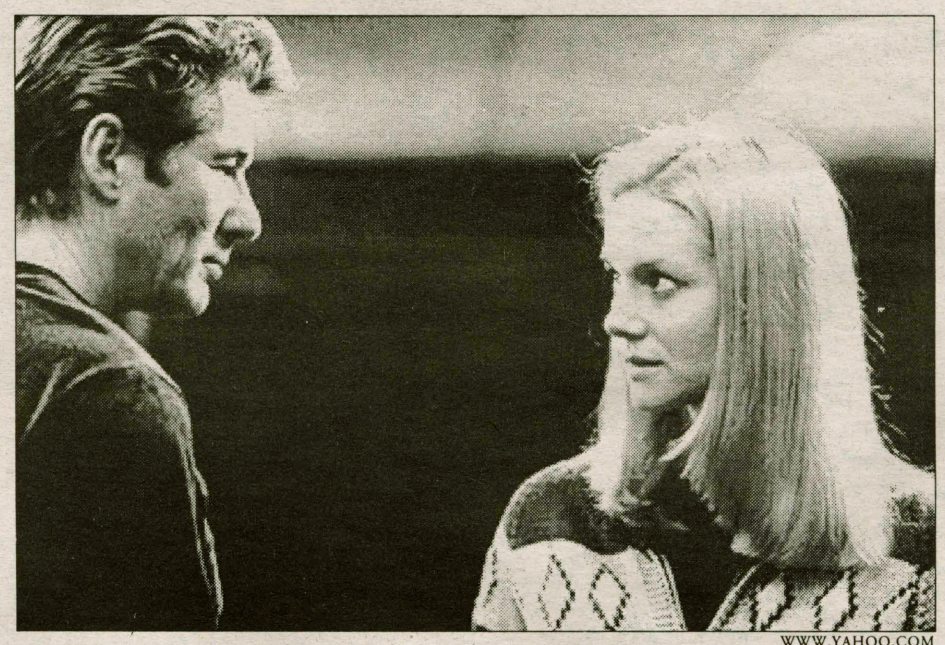
Arts & Entertainment

Mothman burns up the screen

Darcy Lewis '02 endures a frightful evening and lives to review it

There is nothing scarier than something that has actually happened. The Mothman Prophecies takes a story that has been ceremoniously passed into the territory of urban legend and makes it into a horrifying movie with a chilling message. The legend of the Mothman has been touched on by a couple of shows, the most famous being the pair of "X-Files" episodes centered on the myth surrounding the unexplainable events. Mothman tells the supposedly true story of a West Virginia town whose residents experienced a number of visions foretelling mass death in the mid-60s. Richard Gere portrays John Klein, a *Washington Post* reporter modeled after a real-life reporter named John Keel. Klein is drawn to the town of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, for reasons he cannot explain. It has been nearly two years since his wife (Debra Messing, "Will & Grace") died of a mysterious brain tumor that by all accounts appeared overnight after a strange, unexplainable car crash.

After his wife's death, Klein finds a number of drawings depicting a dark, winged creature with glowing red eyes. Intending to drive to Virginia to meet the governor, he ends up in Point Pleasant after his car breaks down (this scene is strangely reminiscent of *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*). It is apparent to Klein that some force has brought him here without his knowledge. Once in Point Pleasant he meets a number of locals, including Sgt. Connie Parker (Laura Linney from Primal Fear, The Truman Show), with whom he interacts in a series of scenes bursting with unbearable sexual tension. He also meets Gordon, played by the criminally under-appreciated Will Patton (Armageddon, Remember the Titans). Gordon has had strange visions of a winged creature with red eyes, as have a number of other residents in the community. Both frightened and desperately needing to solve his wife's death, Klein submits to believing in these visions, delving deep into the folklore surrounding the being that has become know as "the Mothman." Gordon begins to predict catastrophes in other areas of the world, and Klein seeks to understand the ominous visions Gordon is receiving about Point Pleasant.



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Richard Gere and Laura Linney star in this chilling tale of frightening visions and red-eyed, winged creatures.

The director, Mark Pellington, who made a name for himself with the taut thriller *Arlington Road,* has made a truly chilling movie using well-tested methods of direction. He doesn't rely on cheap scares, loud noises, or maimed bodies, but roots the horror of the film in the fact that the story could be true. Did it really happen? This is the question that bombards us again and again. Pellington uses low, strange camera angles and high, drifting angles that give the audience the feeling that some unseen being is hovering over the characters in the story. He takes the audience to the edge of their seats, occasionally going for broke and trying to push them off completely. The thrill of this movie lies in the fact that we as the audience feel one step ahead of the characters, yet something is missing in our theories. Pellington has created a film that causes constant thought; it is a race to figure out what all the signs mean before horrible events occur.

The Mothman Prophecies doesn't come without holes. Certain events in the story are left hanging, but the true thrust of the story is left intact, and perhaps even enhanced by the unexplained plot moments. The film was conceived to ask if the legend could be true, and Pellington has crafted a movie that approaches that question from all sides, opening it up to any opinions the audience could have. One thing the film does ensure is that the red eyes will stay in your mind for quite a while after you leave the theater.

Music Notebook

By Michael O'Leary '04

It is impossible to expect any kind of consistency from *Jamiroquai*, who within the boundaries of a single album can be an incredible funk force, an acid jazz explosion, and a pathetic retro-pop dance band. *Jay Kay and Co.*'s newest effort, *A Funk Odyssey*, follows suit in this respect, containing elements of the acid jazz found in *Emergency on Planet Earth* (1993), the funk genius of *Return of the Space Cowboy* (1995), the pop potential of *Traveling Without Moving* (1997), and (unfortunately) the scattered, over-produced feeling of *Synchronized* (1998).

Not that *A Funk Odyssey* (or *Synchronized*, for that matter) doesn't have moments of musical greatness. In fact one significant element that *Odyssey* has that *Synchronized* doesn't is the triumphant return of bassist Stuart Zender who at times carries *Jamiroquai* out of their retro wanna- be mediocrity. Zender is better then ever, filling every track with the funk that every true fan missed so badly in *Synchronized*. Lead singer Jay Kay is as charismatic as ever, but at times sings rather off-key in an attempt to sound jazzy. The percussion has been reduced to computer-driven house beats, and all of the acid jazz gems like the long didgeridoo solo from *Space Cowboy* are absent because of *Jamiroquai*'s new-found quest for pop.

However, within the album are still a few welcome surprises, such as "This Corner of the Earth," an unexpected bassa nova with a full orchestra accompaniment. Also, there is "2001," an electric guitar and bass-driven tantrum that is probably the best dance track on the album. And none of the weaker tracks could truly be considered "bad." At their worst *Jamiroquai* is still one of the best ensembles of musicians in the business. The group is a collection of amazing talents who truly love their craft. Since their first album in the early 1990s, *Jamiroquai* (a name that is derived from the word "jam" and the Iroquois Indian tribe) was controversial, especially because Jay Kay, a white singer, had a voice and vocal style reminiscent of Stevie Wonder and Otis Redding. He was a "white guy singing black music" (according to Jamiroquai.uk.com). They also felt that their music had a message and were very outspoken about some liberal ideas, particularly concerning the environment.

Unfortunately, however, it is the opinion of this writer that Jamiroquai's break-out success in *Traveling Without Moving* started their movement toward the musical middle. Their genuine message of peace seems clouded by computer beats and annoying samples, and many lyrics on the album seem to have been reduced to simply encouraging the crowd to dance, whereas before they seemed to want their listeners to think. They have also let their cosmic image exaggerate itself to the point of being ridiculous, which is apparent in the very first words that Kay speaks on the album, consisting of cliché, incoherent mutterings about Jupiter and Mars.

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***Jamiroquai*'s *A Funk Odyssey* incomplete? See for yourself at area music stores.**

Overall, *A Funk Odyssey* is a step in the right direction for *Jamiroquai*: backwards. Hopefully, future albums will be as funky and diverse as this one, while also making a movement back to a time when *Jamiroquai* was genuine. Don't misunderstand, this album is still pleasing to the ear, will get any party started, and at times even shows elements of that unexpected oddity that sets this band apart. As a true fan, however, I felt myself thinking that something was missing from this album. I feel that *Jamiroquai* has earned the right to have its fans expect just a little bit more.

ARTSY FARTSY

His favorite place to hang out on campus is the Diner

He's gone to school with Jason DeJasus '02 for the last 17 years!

His middle name is Mcnamara

His shoe size is 13

His likes include Nicole Caporusso, TV, and his past advisees

He's the only child

He's a senior intern in the Admissions Office

He's been in a ballet! ("It was the strangest experience!")

He only wears Nike sneakers

He's a Buffer

He loves shrimp and all finger foods

His favorite films are *A Few Good Men* and *Secret of My Success*

He hopes to win the lottery

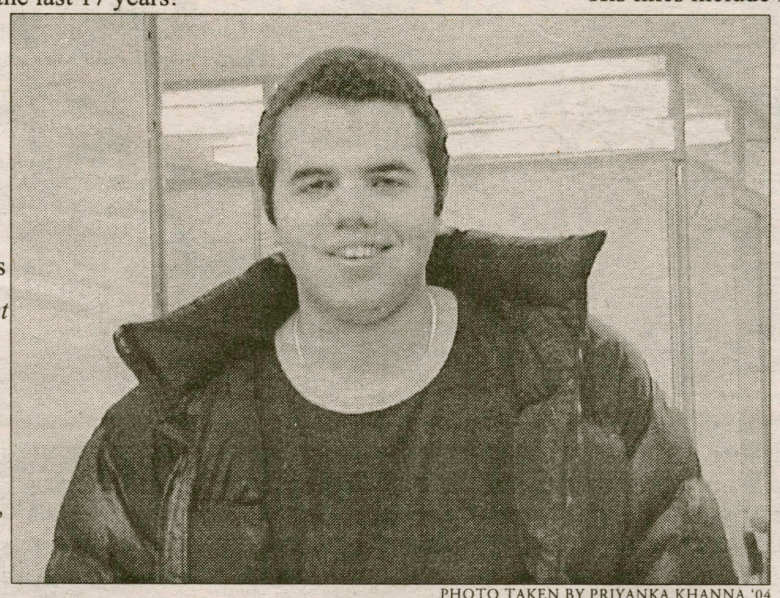
He loves Billy Joel

His favorite cartoon is "The Smurfs"

His favorite candy is Starburst

His all-time favorite T.V. show is "Family Ties"

He went to Hunter College High School



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He thinks that South 405 is the best room to have on campus

He's an anthropology minor

He wants to be a sitcom star

He's from New York City

He's a Mets and Albany River Rats fan

He dislikes negativity, unfairness

He's a Libran– "It's all about the balance!"

He always wanted to be Zack Morris on "Saved by the Bell"

He's a government and theater double major

He prefers McEwen to Commons

He's the chair of the Honor Court

His birthday is 10/09/80

He wants to jump out of an airplane before he graduates

He wishes he had discovered bottled water

He's lived on the light side all four years!

The best show he has ever seen was "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying"

He aspires to be like Michael J. Fox and Will Smith

Nearly 99 things you wanted to know about Jared Johnson '02 but didn't know how to ask...

His favorite drink is Electric lemonade

His favorite thing about NYC – "You can get whatever you want, whenever you want!"

His favorite song to sing with the *Buffers* is " Soul to Squeeze"

His favorite book is *The Lion, The Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

He chose Hamilton because of Financial Aid, and really really nice people

He's an RA in Ferguson

He's a senior

Alternative Weekend

Jay-Z reconnects by going *Unplugged*

Sky Gellatly '03 surveys Jay-Z's acoustic effort

By Whit Rothe '05
A&E Writer

If you are complaining about nothing to do this weekend, check out *Memento*.

I am sure many students and faculty at this school have read or heard the story of Oedipus Rex by the great Greek playwright Sophocles. A quick refresher: the story starts out with Oedipus, the king of Thebes, trying to figure out how to save the city from a terrible plague. The Oracle at Delphi tells him that he must get rid of the man who killed the former king, Laius, and then everything will be fine again.

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Guy Pearce as Leonard in 2001's *Memento*

Memento (2001) is not very similar to Oedipus on the surface. The film, co-written and directed by Christopher Nolan (Following, Mr. Hughes), is about Leonard Shelby (Guy Pearce, *L.A. Confidential*, the upcoming *The Time Machine*), a man who has a condition in which his mind cannot make new memories. Leonard can remember his whole life up to the murdering of his wife and the deadly assault that caused this condition, but since he now has no short-term memory, he has to write notes to himself in order to remember what has happened to him. The only way he can remember people he has interacted with is by taking Polaroids of them and reviewing his notes.

see **Memento,** *page 20*

Amidst the contemporary pop-hop landscape, Jay-Z has recently taken a vacation from commercial rap, fusing his talents on the distant shores of instrumental naturalism on his album Unplugged. With the organic sound of the world famous *Roots Crew* replacing his usual electronically produced backdrop, Jigga makes stops at his present and past work, lacing ?estlove's rhythm section and string quartet with his famous Brooklyn-based lyrical stylings.

The self-proclaimed "flow of the century" delivers some of his most recognized eork, exhibiting his acclaimed lyrical dynamism on tracks such as "Jigga What, Jigga Who" and "Ain't No." As the Philly-based *Roots Crew* transitions from track to track with the smoothness of *Red Alert's* beat- matching skills, Jay-Z keeps "focused man" and carries in sync with the *Roots'* musical breeze as if he were a crisp leaf caught in Hip-Hop's West Wind. Guest appearances by Mary J Blige on the classic track "Can't Knock the Hustle" and newcomer Jaguar Wright's singing prowess on "Heart of the City (Ain't No Love)"color Jay's masterpiece, giving it a well-balanced R+B vocal flare.

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Jay-Z hit MTV's *Unplugged* stage accompanied by many friends, including members of *The Roots*.

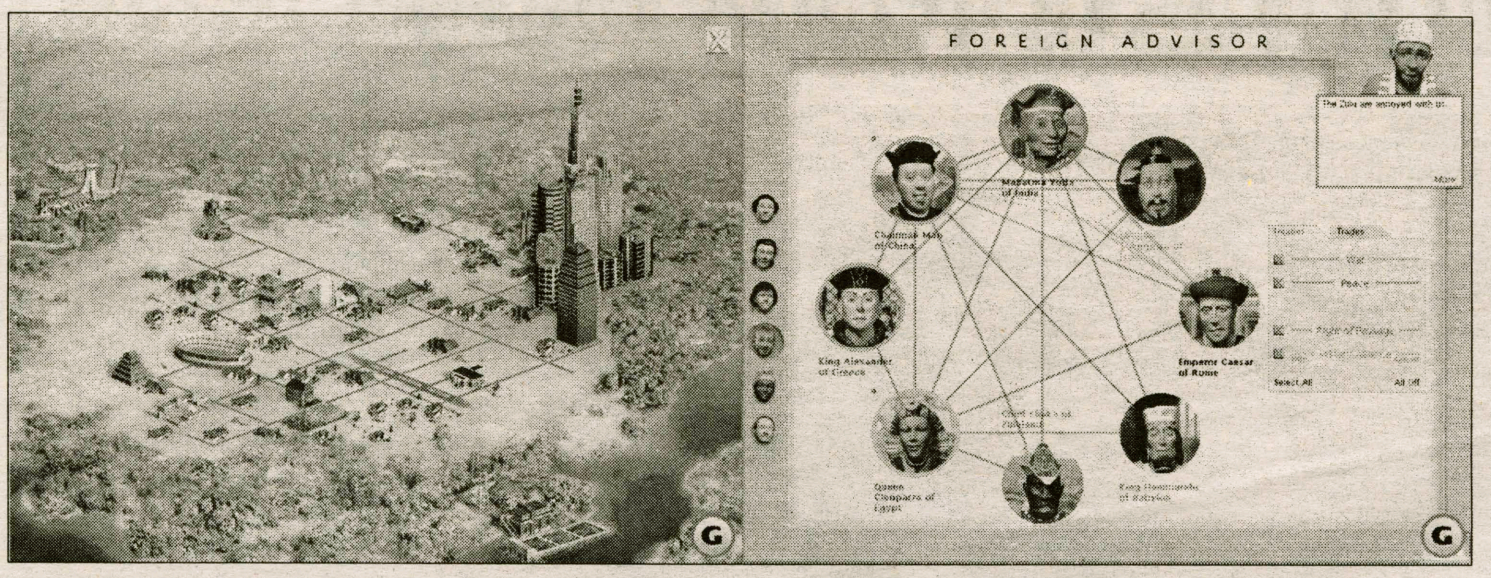
On the track "Takeover," Jay-Z perpetuates his recent tension with *Prodigy* and Nas, reminding *Prodigy* of his Hot 97 Summer Jam "ballerina" appearance and telling Nas that when " the sun don't shine/ the sun don't shine." While on the one hand *Unplugged* functions as pro-Roc-A-Fella propaganda, its artistry ultimately overrides its externalization of recent lyrical battles. With Jay as the dashing flame, the *Roots' Crew* provides the fuel for this artistic inferno and ultimately proves that rap can be delivered in a natural fashion, giving even the *Neptunes'* most synthetic sample-based beats a new jazzy instrumental refashioning.

Unplugged is, as Jay says in the first few seconds of the album, a "Jay-Z poetry reading." Young Hov's vacation to the distant shores of the *Roots' Crew* sound accentuates his poetic mastery by divorcing his raps from their usual synthetic track cohabitants, and ultimately allows his raps to walk on the beaches of musical naturalism, if only for an hour or so.

Gaming Corner:

Civilization 3

By Mithat Yaltir '03



Infogrames released the sequel to Sid Meier's highly anticipated "Civilization 3." Many gamers consider the Civilization series as a classic and one of the best turn-based strategy games of all time.

"Civilization" gives gamers opportunity to recreate history. At the beginning of the game, gamers become the leader of a civilization of their choice. Starting from the year 4000 BCE, gamers allocate resources to scientific research, military, trade, etc. They can also establish diplomatic relationships with other civilizations. Forming alliances and exchanging technologies are just a couple of arrangements included in the game.

Developers increased the number of ways to win the game. Combined with the random map feature, "Civilization 3" offers unlimited re-playability. Different from the previous versions of the game, it is possible to win the game through cultural influence, diplomacy, and several other ways. If gamers do not like these new victory conditions, they can easily disable them.

In the previous versions of the game, civilizations that the gamers could pick were pretty much the same. However, in "Civilization 3" they have certain characteristics that make them different. These differences determine the types of knowledge each civilization has at the beginning of the game. Also, each civilization has a special unit that it can build that is far more advanced and powerful. For example, when the German civilization learns how to build a tank, they build panzers instead. Americans build F-15s instead of regular jet fighters.

One cool feature that makes the game more realistic is the role resources play. For example, a civilization may know iron-working technology. However, in order to build, say, a swordsman, that civilization must have access to iron resources that can be found in the mountains and hills. After learning horseback riding, before building horsemen, the civilization must have access to horses.

In "Civilization 3" settlers are units that can build cities, while workers are the units that can build roads, mines, irrigation, fortresses etc. Gamers can choose to let the computer handle buildings these infrastructures by using the automate function.

All in all, "Civilization 3" is more than just a sequel to a classic game. With its improved graphics, new units, and multiple victory conditions, it marks its place as one of the best strategy games of all time. Just a friendly warning for gamers: clocks run a lot faster than usual while playing this game. So it is possible to spend four hours when it feels like its been only a couple of minutes.

Wrap–up: If you like "Civilization," then you will love "Civilization 3"

Gaming Box

Medal of Honor: Allied Assault ships

EA's highly anticipated WWII first person shooter is now available in stores. The game, which was developed by 2015, is set in Europe and North Africa during World War II. Players assume the role of Allied soldier Lt. Mike Powell, a member of the 1st Ranger Battalion, on a series of missions behind enemy lines.

Sid Meier's Sim Golf hits stores

The game lets players design, build, and manage their own golf resort. The goal of the game is to build business from a small public course to a complete five-star resort featuring world-class courses, professional tournaments, and high-class hotels.

Indiana Jones Returns

LucasArts has announced an agreement with California-based game developer *The Collective*, the studio that created *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: The Fallen*, to create the next game based on the popular action film hero Indiana Jones.

News compiled from (http://www.gamespot.com) by Mithat Yaltir'03

The *Spec's* *New* Poetry Corner

Fall in Love While Driving Drunk

by Tim Mudie '05

Arm touch
Hair toss
Kiss cheek

Just another stupid measure
of pride.

Turns side one
Other
Lights reflect
Refract
Lights burn eyes with pupils dilated
from a little too much rum.

Little rain drops down in a mist, fogging
everyone's view
of everything.

Gone away now one more time
Trying hard to make things rhyme
Girl, love like yours should be a crime
Cause you've got me doing one.

The way lights reflect in her eyes.
Beacons
Lighthouses can't stop my
S.S. Hopes
from dashing on the rocks.
(sans twist)

The world's closed down this late at night.

Gotta be something else
Something we're not seeing
not quite
Just missing it a little
Like it's in the corner,
shadows
Lurking like a criminal.

Gone away now one more time
Trying hard to make things rhyme
Girl, love like yours should be a crime
Cause I just don't think it's right.

Sweet words
Sprawled on the pool table
(don't bite your nails)
Jeans tight to her body,
Make me wish I was made of denim
or maybe one hundred percent cotton
or silk.

Wish I was your pillow so I could brush against your face at night.

Yellow room)
Back to the car

Sorry if I've crossed that
double yellow line
Cause I know that there's no going back.

Gone away now one more time
Trying hard to make things rhyme
Girl, love like yours should be a crime
Cause you got me dying here.

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Or Ashley Jaffee-Anechiarico (ajaffeea@hamilton.edu)

We know you're creative... and
we know you're out there.

Memento weekend

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Now what does a modern psychological thriller have to do with a centuries-old Greek play? Just like Oedipus, Leonard is obsessed with finding the killer. All the notes and pictures he takes are evidence for him to remember what has happened and keep him focused on his quest. He tattoos important facts on his body backwards so he can read them in a mirror and never forget his revenge. The most stunning similarity is the sequence of action of the movie: it is entirely backwards. The first scene is Leonard taking a Polaroid of the body of the killer. The second scene is Leonard shooting the killer. The third scene is Leonard confronting his wife's killer. As the movie progresses, the audience goes deeper and deeper into the past. Every scene depends on the next one to put it into the context of the film. The story seems pretty clear-cut at first, but as more events that Leonard has forgotten because of his condition are revealed, the more blurry the mystery becomes. I found that every new scene made me reconsider who Leonard's friends are and who is using him and his condition for their own means.

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And just like *Oedipus Rex*, *Memento* has a great twist at the end (actually the beginning. I won't reveal it, but be prepared to be thinking and talking about it for weeks after the movie ends. The Bottom Line: *Memento* is one of the most innovative movies out there. Although it is using a thousands year old story telling technique, it feels very fresh because it is so different from anything out there. My biggest word of advice is to stick through it now matter how confused you are because the twist is worth it. You will want to watch it again when it is through.

Offseason trades help large market teams

by Brett Zalaski '03
Sports Writer

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In a deal with three other teams, Jeromy Burnitz, who hit for 34 home runs last year, was acquired by the New York Mets. With a new faster and stronger lineup, the Mets hope to dominate the National League this year.

The 2001-2002 baseball off-season can be characterized as disgusting and yet oddly intriguing. The change in team personnel and greed were at an all-time high in any sport, and the rich only got richer. The gap between the teams on the bottom and the teams on the top were not only increased by the threat of contraction, but also by the continued rise in the players' price tags. As a big baseball fan, I checked the player movement daily, and the ticker spun at an almost dizzying pace. About 250 players, roughly the equivalent of 10 baseball teams, changed jerseys in this off-season, the most ever in any sport. With all that being said, I did look at the sports page and ESPN.com everyday with a sense of wonderment as to who went where. In taking a step back to let the dust clear from this wreckage, four teams came out of the off-season as the teams to beat, three as teams on the rise, and three as teams on the decline.

Top Teams

AL:

1) **New York Yankees**: The Yankees made the transition from luxury car to sports car this past off-season. A team that just last season, led by codgers Paul O'Neill, Chuck Knoblauch, Scott Brosious, David Justice, and Tino Martinez, the Yankees were boring in their consistency. All of those geriatrics are out of pinstripes, and while a few older veterans remain (e.g. Roger Clemens, and Luis Sojo), the Yankees are now a team in their late 20's and early 30's. The acquisitions of David Wells, Robin Ventura, and John Vander Wal do not fall into that category, but do add experience to positions the Yankees sorely lacked experience in going into this off-season. Young guns Jason Giambi, Rondell White, and Steve Karsay do add to the new look Yankees. The additions of Giambi, Ventura, and White, when added to the names of Jeter, Williams, Posada, and Soriano give the Yankees a potent lineup. Karsay gives the Yankees a top-flight right-handed setup man, something they sorely lacked opposite lefty Mike Stanton this past season. Wells makes Orlando Hernandez expendable, and look for the Yanks to deal him sometime before or during spring training. The signings of Ron Coomer, Mike Thurman, and F.P. Santangelo give the Yankees sorely needed depth.

2) **Boston Red Sox**: The Red Sox will have close to 20 changes to their 40-man roster, but it is an improved Red Sox team. The additions of John Burkett and Johnny Damon and the subtraction of Carl Everett will move towards improving the Red Sox biggest weakness of the past two years, team unity. The Sox also improved all parts of their roster. The additions of Damon and Tony Clark, and the return of Nomar Garciaparra give the Red Sox a deadly top of the lineup. The healthy return of Pedro Martinez, and the additions of Burkett, Darren Oliver, and Dustin Hermanson give the BoSox a very good front four starters. The loss of Hideo Nomo will hurt, but it was necessary for the Sox to free up some free-agent money.

NL:

1) **New York Mets**: To put overhaul and the Mets in the same sentence would not be doing justice to the off-season the Mets just had. The Mets added a plethora of big names without really losing anything. The departures of Robin Ventura, Kevin Appier, Glendon Rusch, and Todd Zeile are put to shame with the additions of David Weathers, Roger Cedeno, Pedro Astacio, Roberto Alomar, Mark Guthrie, Shawn Estes, Mo Vaughn and Jeromy Burnitz. Cedeno, Alomar, Vaughn, and Burnitz added to Mike Piazza and Edgardo Alfonzo give the Mets an all-star lineup. Astacio and Estes add to a deep rotation, and the additions of Guthrie and Weathers solidify a sturdy bullpen. The Mets off-season has made them a complete, deep team that has the capability and the firepower to dominate any team they play.

2) **Arizona Diamondbacks**: By making relatively few off-season moves the D-Backs may have moved off the top spot in baseball, but they are still dangerous and must still be considered a serious contender to repeat. The top two of Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling remains the most dominant in baseball, and the D-Backs added a more than capable third starter in Rick Helling. If they make the playoffs, those three will be very difficult to get around. The D-Backs also lost Reggie Sanders, but did re-sign Danny Bautista. While Sanders was very productive last year for the championship squad, youngsters like Bautista and Erubiel Durazo will capably fill his departure. Look for another big season from the Diamondbacks.

Teams on the Rise

1) **Chicago Cubs**: Competitive last season, this could be a breakout year for the Cubbies. Sammy Sosa almost single-handedly took the team to the playoffs last year, and could be even more scary with a lot more support this season. Picking up the option on Fred McGriff, and the additions of Moises Alou, Chris Stynes, and Alex Gonzalez give the Cubs a much-improved offense. A healthy Kerry Wood, all-star Jon Lieber, and Jason Bere will team with recently acquired Alan Benes and Jesus Sanchez to give the Cubs a solid rotation.

2) **Pittsburgh Pirates**: While the Pirates are still far from contending in any sense of the word, they did move in a younger, better direction this off-season. Adding excellent reliever Mike Williams and a talented Pokey Reese immediately make the Pirates a better team. Though the Pirates took some beating for trading Todd Ritchie, I think in the long run they are a better team for it. Kip Wells, Sean Lowe and Josh Fogg are all excellent young pitchers and will positively affect future Pirate squads.

3) **Texas Rangers**: Laugh all you want about the possible fireworks the additions of Carl Everett and John Rocker may cause, but if you look closer at the rest of their moves, you will be surprised at the amount of talent coming in to Arlington. Past all-stars like Everett, Rocker, Chan Ho Park, and Juan Gonzalez give the Rangers pop to an already dangerous squad. Park leads a revamped rotation that was horrible last season. Park, the ace, a solid Dave Burba, and the extremely talented duo of Ismael Valdes and Justin Thompson give the Rangers a much-improved rotation. Todd Van Poppel, Jay Powell, Rocker, and Dan Miceli also give the Rangers the start to a good bullpen.

Teams on the Decline

1) **Cincinnati Reds**: So maybe they were never really that good, but they are only getting worse. The losses of Ruben Rivera, Dmitri Young, Pokey Reese, and Dennys Reyes almost wipe the Reds talent cupboard bare. If I were Junior Griffey I would run far and fast from his new hell before his brilliant career and talent really get burned.

2) **Houston Astros**: The good times are over in Houston. Bagwell and Biggio are aging, and the losses of Vinny Castilla and Moises Alou will effect the once potent lineup. The departures of Pedro Astacio from the starting rotation and Mike Williams and Mike Jackson from the bullpen do not leave the 'Stros with much in the way of pitching.

3) **Cleveland Indians**: For a team that has made a habit of playoff contention, the 2002 model Indians will not be good at all. The emergence of Minnesota and Chicago as serious playoff contenders, coupled with their own pathetic off-season, could leave them well out of playoff contention. The departures of Marty Cordova, Juan Gonzalez, Dave Burba, Kenny Lofton, Roberto Alomar, and John Rocker leaves the team short at most positions. The signings and acquisitions of Matt Lawton and Brady Anderson are weak attempts at salvaging their season. The reality is very bleak for Cleveland.

Squash Teams Deserve Respect

by Dan Kaufmann '03
Sports Writer

One might consider the Squash players at Hamilton to be the premier athletes on campus. This of course refers to fact that they are the only division one athletes represented by Hamilton.

One might laugh at that statement but then again one probably has not seen the Continentals on the court.

Coach Jamie King explained that there has been a strong group of seniors who have taken leadership roles on the men's team; however, with the women they only have one senior, Kelly Riddell, and this has been her first season playing squash.

She says, "Although our record is disappointing it doesn't show all the hard work and commitment over the past couple of months."

The women were at the Yale Invitational last week and they lost to Connecticut College, Williams College and Bates College. Their record is 2-8 right now.

Helena Marin a junior who just got back from studying abroad in Paris, says, "There is an excellent relationship between the men's and women's teams and the coaching staff is phenomenal."

Last weekend the men's team was home and beat Northwestern. As of right now the men's team is ranked 25th in the nation with a record of 6-4. The men's team started out with a 4-0 record, but has gone 2-2 in its last four competitions.

The women are at Mt. Holyoake College and they will play Mt. Holyoke College, Smith College, Havford College, and Wesleyan University. Even though they do not have a good record they still have a good attitude.

Liz Siegel '04 says, "I think that is a really great dynamic about our team- we like each other. We have fun and we like the sport. We support each other and help each other, on and off the court."

The men will play the United States Naval Academy at Hobart College this week.

Women's Basketball drops below .500

1-2 week sends Continentals to 3-4 conference record, 7-8 overall

by Paul Kibbe '05
SPORTS WRITER

The women's basketball team played three games in the past week and came out with only one win.

It won with ease Friday night against Clarkson, 70-57.

Saturday, however, the Continentals took a tough loss to St. Lawrence, 67-37.

They played better Tuesday, but still could not manage a win against Ithaca, losing 62-53. Clarkson and St. Lawrence were both league games and with one win and one loss on the weekend, the team is now 3-4 in the league.

The loss to Ithaca brings the team's overall record below .500, at 7-8.

Karen Pogonowski '02 and Missy Nelson '05 led the Continentals to the easy win over Clarkson.

Pogonowski had 18 points and Nelson finished with 11. Holly Erick '04 also helped out with six rebounds.

"For the Clarkson game we came in as a team and we say that the first five minutes of the game are the most important and in both halves we let [Clarkson] know who we were in the first five minutes," said Jenny Russell '02.

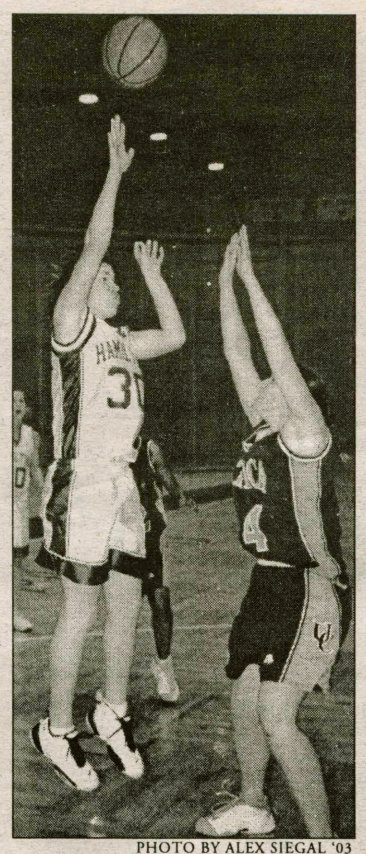
"We knew we could win the game and we did. We need to be in the top four in the league to make the playoffs and this win really helped us," she continued.

No Continentals finished in double figures in scoring in the loss to St. Lawrence.

Erick had seven points to lead the team and Liz Casey '03 added six.

The rebounding was done by Anna Jablonski '05 and Jen Munoz '04, who had eight and six rebounds, respectively.

"As usual we played well in the first half against St. Lawrence and then we let down in the second half," said Tricia Czeski '05.



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Avery Andersen (30) shoots

Every Continental had at least one field goal against Ithaca, but it was not enough. Russell, Casey and Czeski each had seven points to lead Continental scoring in the game.

Jablonski and Erick did the rebounding for the Continentals, as Jablonski pulled down nine boards and Erick grabbed eight.

"We played good defense for the most part against Ithaca, but like St. Lawrence, we got down in the second half and could not come back," said Czeski.

The team has two very important league games coming up this week, both of which are home.

Friday night they play Skidmore, and then Union on Saturday.

With two wins on the weekend, the team could be one game over .500 with five league games remaining in the season. Hamilton won by 12 in their first meeting with Skidmore, who is only 1-6 in the UCAA conference.

They lost by 10 in their first meeting with Union, a team sporting a 3-4 conference record.

"The games should be really good this weekend and like the last time we played these teams, whoever plays better and executes should win," said Czeski.

The two seniors on the team play their final home game on Tuesday, February 5, in which they'll face Middlebury in a non-league game.

"We are celebrating our game on Saturday so that our parents can come. I think it will really hit me then and Tuesday will be more of an aftershock," said Russell, "it's weird though, you think to yourself, 'wow I'm never doing this again' and that is different."

Women's Hockey loses five straight, puts winning record out of reach

by Zach Kubin '05
SPORTS WRITER

Colgate is pretty good, Colby is better and Bowdoin is the best—too bad that the women's ice hockey team had to play them all on the road this week.

In the midst of the most difficult five game stretch of the season, which began with losses to Williams and Middlebury by a combined score of 13-2, the women had to venture to the winter paradise that is Colby College for a meeting with one of the top teams in the league.

The Mules came out of the gates with an offensive tour-de-force that put 13 shots on Hamilton goalie Jen Kroleski '03. Goals by Meghan Barringer, Kelley Jessopp, and Lauren Gremelspacher put Colby on top 3-0 after the first period.

Hamilton's own Eden Self '04 put the only numbers on the board for the Continentals during a power-play in the second period, but that was not enough to get the offense going, as Colby notched another two goals in the third period and cruised to a 5-1 victory.

The Conts inability to outshoot their opponents has been a problem all season long, and it held true in this game, as the Mules put 45 shots on goal to the Conts 15.

Staying in the state that Froot calls home, the Continentals travelled to Brunswick to face the 14-1 Bowdoin Bears. Bowdoin came out of the gates cooler than the surface it plays on, but the Bears managed to keep the Continentals even as the first period ended scoreless.

The second period was not as good for the Conts, as Bowdoin's Beth Muir scored the games first goal on a power play midway through the period.

Bowdoin then capitalized on a defensive lapse by the Conts, and took a two goal lead on a one-timer by Kristen Larson.

But Hamilton refused to give up. Paula Dady '03 pulled Hamilton within a goal with 2 minutes to go in the period by breaking through the defense and beating McKissock up high.

This would be the offensive high-point for the Continentals; Bowdoin put 4 goals in the net in the third and coasted to a 6-1 win, while handing Hamilton its fourth straight loss.

The week's final game put Hamilton on the ice against local rival Colgate.

The Conts kept it close for the first period, but then broke down in the second period as has happened more times than one can remember this season.

Taking a 1-0 lead into the locker room after the first period, the Red Raiders came out and scored seven seconds into the second, which seemed to spark the offensive storm that led to six Colgate goals in the period and a 7-1 Colgate win.

Having been outshot 59-12, the Continentals were sent to their fifth straight loss of the season, and put a winning season in the league out of reach.

Men's Hoops takes on UCAA

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a game can beat anyone, but our defense wasn't what it usually is. Also, with a couple of calls late in the game that could be questioned, a game that close can go either way."

Smith agreed, saying "[It] was just a matter of us not executing down the stretch and them wanting that win just a little bit more than we did.

On Tuesday the Continentals went up against yet another conference foe in Hobart. Having easily defeated the Statesmen in their previous contest, the Continentals hoped to repeat the performance and get another vital conference win.

Early on, Hobart seemed eager and able to exact revenge for the stomping that they suffered at the hands of the Continentals earlier in the season. The Statesmen dominated the first eight minutes of the game. However, the Continentals began to chip away at that early lead, and led by the offense of Finley and shooting guard Tim Fesko '03, Hamilton slid right by the Statesmen for a ten point halftime lead.

From there it was an even more lopsided contest than the first encounter between the two teams, and Hamilton emerged with a 83-52 victory. Finley led the Continentals with 20 points, Fesko finished with 12, and Stolarczyk and Smith both hit for eleven points.

"The game against Hobart was a good win for for several reasons," commented Finley, "most importantly because it was a league game. We were in a tie for third with Hobart, so it was important that we got the win."

The inside-outside attack that has become a staple of Hamilton's offense over the past month once again proved too much for Hobart, as Fesko and Finley each took advantage of the Hobart defense. Fesko, who is regaining strength in his healing left foot game by game has become an integral part of Hamilton's offense, as has Peck, who missed the Hobart game due to illness.

"Right now, I am improving athletically every day and feeling pretty good about my progress," said Fesko. "I can finally get some lift off my left foot, and am less tentative about mixing it up in the middle."

Teamed with starting shooting guard Kevin Yanni '03, Fesko and Peck make an unstoppable perimeter trio.

"One thing we can all do is score from the perimeter," Fesko explained. "It makes it very hard for a team to key on any one of us not knowing who can get hot."

In addition, turnovers have been down the last three games, do mainly to the care with which Leone has been distributing the ball.

"The style we play, if we can keep it between ten and fifteen turnovers we'll be very happy," commented Murphy.

With two more conference games at home this weekend, the Continentals will need to do this in order to keep themselves at the top of the UCAA. Saturday's game against conference-leading Union will be the team's last home regular season game, and could be for the lead in the UCAA.

Using their fast-paced offense, potent scorers, and dominance on the glass, Hamilton could very well emerge from this weekend at the top of its conference. With only a few more conference games remaining, the Continentals can assure that they will control whether or not they battle for a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Scoreboard

Men's Basketball
13-5

Women's Basketball
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Men's Hockey
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Women's Hockey
6-11-0

Men's Squash
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Women's Squash
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Men's Swimming
4-2

Women's Swimming
4-1

Athlete of the break: Joe Finley '03

by Paul P. Jones '03
Sports Writer

The Spectator's 'Athlete of the Break' is basketball star Joe Finley. Finley led his team to a 5-3 record over the Christmas Break averaging 18.9 points and 8.5 rebounds per game. He is second in the UCAA in rebounding and Co-Captain of the 2001-2002 squad.

Name: Joe Finley
Year: 2003
Position: Power Forward/Fat Center
Major/Minor: Economics
Hometown/HS: Brooklyn, NY/ St Edmonds Prep
Family: 4 older brothers, younger brother and a foxy sister
Athletic accolades: 2002 Hamilton Tourney MVP, Co-Captain of the 2001-02 team. All-State in HS, NYS City Champions MVP.
Game rituals or superstitions: I must shave before every game. I also like some "personal time" in the shower, I like to be well cleaned
Team and Individual goals: Individually I would like to stay out of jail and I hope our team will make the NCAA tournament
Most memorable moment in your athletic career: Back-to-back winners of the Delta Upsilon 3-3 basketball tournament.
What is your favorite thing about being on campus when no one is around over break: All-you-can-eat at the Diner.
Most interesting teammate and why: Noah Hammond, you got to be a rare breed to be from CNY. He is very different.
Which opponent do you hate the most: The hockey team. Because everyone knows what Kevin Audit is.
What do you see yourself doing in 10 years: Finishing up my last credits so I can graduate from this place. Maybe I will even have a year of eligibility left then too.
Favorite reality TV show: MTV's "Dismissed" - one dude plus two chicks equals a great show.
Are you a lover or a fighter: I am not successful at either.
Commons or McEwen: McEwen because there are never any lines and I like to eat. I also like the hot high school card checkers.
Favorite Professor: James Bradfield
Favorite campus safety officer: Cecil and Wayne - who else? They should be running the country.
Yankees or Mets: Yankees
If you were a tree what kind of tree would you be? There is only one tree in Brooklyn, so I would probably be that one.
If you could be anyone for a day, who would it be: Mike Powers, have you ever seen his girlfriend at half-time?
Favorite Coach Murphy saying: Jesus Christ Noah!!
If you had to pick one person to live with on an Island who would it be: Jim O'mara, you could float on him, eat on him, or sleep on him. He would provide shelter from the wind and you would always be the coolest person on the island. His parents are millionaires, so eventually they would send a helicopter to pick us up.

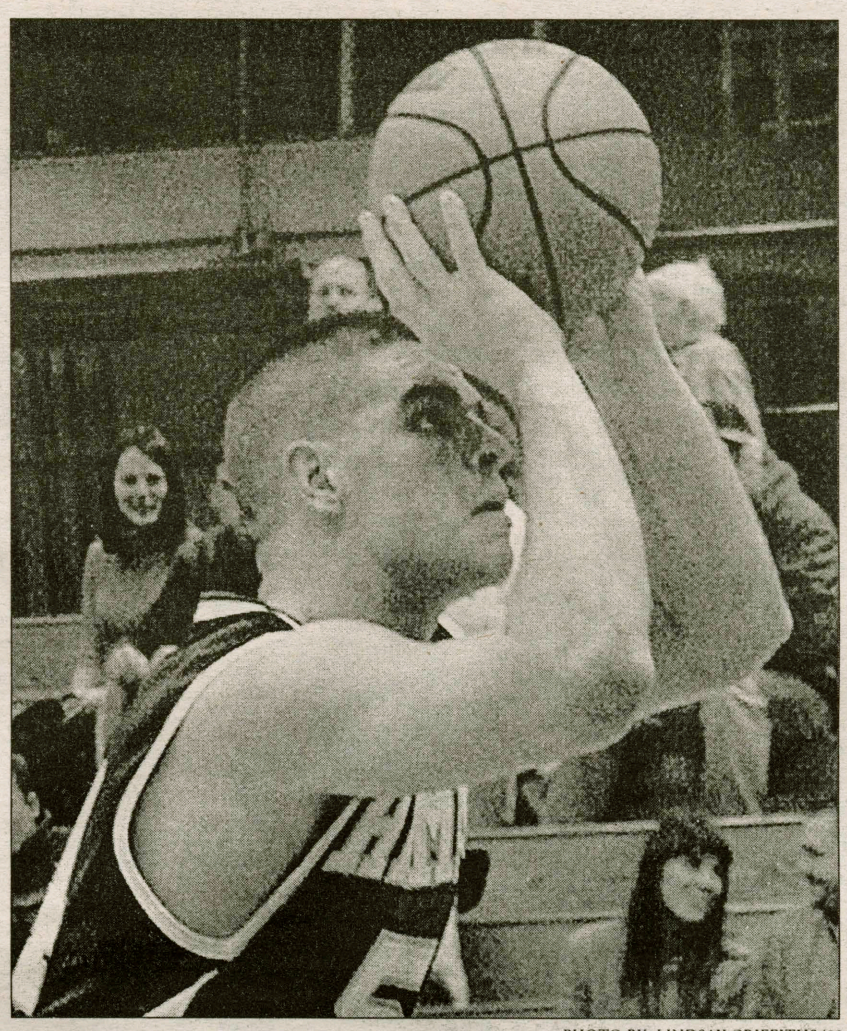

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Power forward Joe Finley '03 is a big man with big ideas.

Hamilton swimmers show heart

by Josh Sargen '05
Sports Writer

Sometimes an outcome does not reflect a performance. Many times a performance leads to a predictable outcome. The Hamilton men's and women's swimming teams experienced both of these last week.

The women dropped a tough meet last Thursday 128-110 to a talented Amherst squad. Nevertheless, the loss did not mirror such a solid performance. Several women qualified for the NCAA national tournament. Nicole Knapp '05is now eligible for nationals in the 200 fly and 200 Individual Medley. Knapp broke the school record of 2:12:02 in the IM with a time of 2:11.93. Brittany Achin '05qualified in the breaststroke with a time of 2:26.45. Maria Choi '03 also swam very well in the 200 IM, 200 fly, and the 200 breaststroke. Finally, the 200-medley relay was the best in school history, and was within a tenth of a second from making the cut for nationals.

The men fell 127-118 to a very challenging Amherst team. Their loss was similar to the women's in that the team swam very well. Coach Dave Thompson pointed out that co-captains Andy Schultz '02 and Eric Schwenker '02 were "awesome." Furthermore, the small margin of defeat is evidence to how competitive the meet was.

Despite suffering competitive losses two days prior, the Continentals travelled to Union last Saturday with confidence. They knew their intense training in Florida over break and their growing experience would eventually be displayed in the win column.

"We thought we would bounce back after the Amherst loss," noted Achin.

True to their feelings, Hamilton's men were victorious, 120-111. Union, 4-3 entering the meet, finished second to the Continentals at the UCAA Championships. Nevertheless, the men held off the Dutchmen despite dropping nine of the thirteen events. Coach Thompson attributed this unusual statistic, "to the scrappiness of our entire team."

Following a performance in which several women either qualified for "nationals" or broke a school record, various team members once again achieved similar feats. Knapp broke the school record in the 200 fly swimming it in 2:10.6. She also qualified for nationals in the 400 IM. Choi set a career best time in the 400 IM. Liz Kennedy '05 achieved a career best in the 500 freestyle. These performances led Hamilton to a convincing 137.5-101.5 victory.

Now the Continentals look to follow up these quality performances with a win over Rensselaer in Bristol Pool February 2. If they swim as well as last week, victories should be staring them in the face.

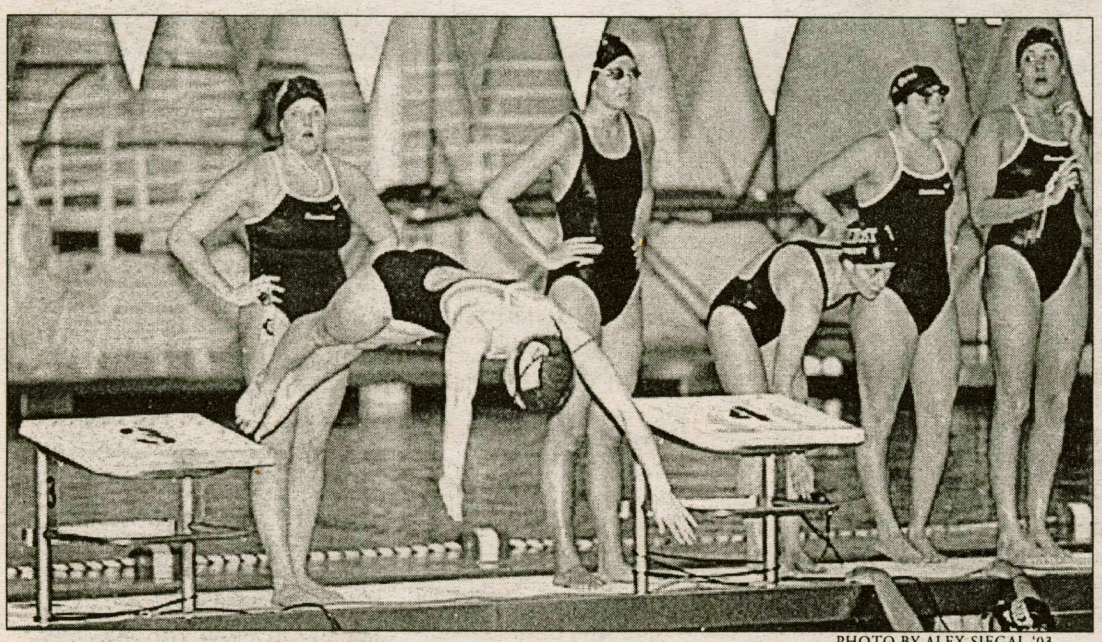

PHOTO BY ALEX SIEGAL '03

Hamilton's lady swimmers look to defeat Rensselaer at home.

Men's soccer recognized

by Josh Sargen '05
Sports Writer

This past week members of the Hamilton soccer team were recognized for their outstanding play this past season.

Midfielder Nick Wilson '02 and forward Schuyler Gellatly '03 were named to the UCAA All-Conference First Team. Goalie Doug Bellard '02, midfielder Michael Thompson '03, and sweeper Huy Huynh '03 made the Second Team. The Continentals, with five players selected to the prestigious squads, trailed only St. Lawrence in the number of players chosen.

Wilson, Bellard, Gellatly, and Thompson were named to the NCAA/Adidas Division III All-Northeast team.

Gellatly, Ernesto Kwarteng '02, and Nick Sarro Waite '03 were named to the UCAA All-Academic team.

The team finished the season ranked second in the northeast and sixteenth in the nation.

With three of the five UCAA selections returning next season, and eight starters coming back, Hamilton looks to be contending for a league title once again.

Sports

Men's Hockey prepares for a date with #1

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The momentum of the men's hockey team was slowed a bit this week, snapping a three-game winning streak and registering back to back losses against Elmira and New England College. These two losses spoiled Saturday's dominating 5-1 home win verse St. Anselm's a bit, but maintained the Conts' third place position in the NESCAC.

"Our goal going into every game is to keep our opponents to three goals or less, and we've been accomplishing that, but we still have to be able to get it done on the offensive end. We're playing good up and down hockey, and getting chances, but we're just not putting it in the net," said coach Phil Grady.

For Tuesday's game at Elmira, the Continentals knew they'd be in for a test; Elmira had knocked off nationally #1 ranked RIT on Saturday by a 4-2 tally, and jumped to #8 in the country themselves.

Hamilton knew it had to keep the explosive Eagles off the scoreboard, and came out with a different forecheck to try and keep the game physical. The plan seemed to be working, as good defense and sound goaltending from Rob MacNeil '05 held Elmira scoreless for the first 40 minutes. Chad McCraith '02 scored the go-ahead goal at the 13:52 mark of the second, assisted by Tom Ditzer '04, and Hamilton went into the locker room with a 1-0 second intermission lead.

The third period was an entirely different story, however, as Elmira struck early, with a power-play goal just 14 seconds into the period. Before the Conts could regain their composure, the Eagles scored again, just sixteen seconds later, and didn't look back. They added an insurance mark at the 6:58 mark and took the 3-1 win.

"We had our chances, but when you play really good teams it always comes down to whoever makes the fewest mistakes, and they capitalized on ours," said Grady.

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Three Hamilton hockey players share time in the penalty box.

Defenseman Scott Gordon '04 commented, "We played a great 40 minutes of hockey, but we just came out flat in the third and couldn't finish the job."

Last Saturday's home game against New England College was probably the most frustrating of the year for the Continentals. Hamilton came in with a strong 10-5-1 record to NEC's 8-8-1, and it appeared to be clearly the better team.

Ditzer opened up the scoring with an impressive strike from goalie Matt Jones '04 halfway through the first, but the pesky Pilgrims just wouldn't go away.

Grady said, "They play a very slow game. It was a hook, hold, and grab type game, and it just got us so frustrated. It should have been a 5-2 type game, but we went into the third at 1-1."

After being out-shot 16-7 in the second period, Hamilton went into the third deadlocked at 1-1. The Continentals came out aggressive in the third and created scoring opportunities, but it just wasn't to be. New England's Ryan Brewer notched the game-winner at the 9:37 mark, and the Pilgrims held off the Conts push to get the victory. Hamilton's 41 penalty minutes played a big role, and a third period goal was called back to seal the team's fate.

"Our weekend started off strong, but against a .500 team like New England we definitely should of gotten it done. I think we played well enough to win, but we just didn't finish them off," said forward Kevin Audit '03.

Grady added, "New England came in and did exactly what they wanted to do. They played their game; they started pressing, and we lost our composure. That's all it came down to."

Friday night's game against St. Anselm's was clearly the best game of the week for the men's hockey team, as they jumped out to an early lead and never looked back.

Nicolas Potvin '02 scored first on a pass from team points leader Rob Gordon only 1:28 into the contest. Gordon then would add the eventual game winner just before the end of the first from Elliot Altberg '05 and Ryan Bailey '03.

Gil Schipani '03, Ryan Kitson '04, and captain Craig Leger '02, also would get into the act, as MacNeil recorded his fifth win on the year with 25 saves.

This weekend the Conts travel to Middlebury for a Friday night showdown with #1 in the land Middlebury College.

The Conts will do their best to avenge last year's defeat at the hands of the Panthers, and cling to hopes of hosting the NESCAC Tournament.

They'll go to Williams on Saturday, just a point ahead of the Ephs in the league standings.

"Right now we basically have a six game season, because we need every game. Only four out of ten teams get a bye in the tournament, so these are all huge games for us," said Audit.

Grady said, "The best part of the rest of our schedule is that we have all league games, so we determine our own league standing. The games we have left are great rivalries, so if we can continue to play well, to play great defense and finish our offensive opportunities, we'll be alright. You have to beat the great teams to be one of the great teams, and we know that."

Men's Hoops pulls into third in UCAA

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Going into last weekend, the Continentals knew that they had to use three home games against UCAA opponents to solidify their standing as one of the top teams in the conference. With a 3-2 record at last week's end, three wins could have easily propelled the team into first or second place in the UCAA. However, that was not to be, as the men took two steps forward and one step back, crushing Clarkson and Hobart, but dropping a heartbreaker to Saint Lawrence.

Against Clarkson, Hamilton came out on fire, and quickly jumped out to a double-digit lead over the seemingly hapless Golden Knights. Led by the interior offense and defense of Finley and forward Joe Smith '04, Hamilton put on a show for an appreciative home crowd.

However, as the first half wore on, it became clear that Clarkson was not going to simply leave Scott Fieldhouse hanging their heads in shame. It chipped away at the lead, and by halftime had trimmed it to an uncomfortably close 41-34 Hamilton lead.

The beginning of the second half was nip-and-tuck, as the teams traded baskets and fouls. All the while, the Knights seemed to be preparing for one final run to pull themselves back into the game. The Continentals needed someone to step up and put the nail in Clarkson's coffin. As it turned out, rookie guard/forward Staunton Peck '05 was just the man for the job. Starting with about ten minutes left in the half, Peck went on a perimeter scoring spree the likes of which had not been seen at the Fieldhouse for quite some time. Closing the door on Clarkson with a barrage of three-pointers, Peck led Hamilton to an impressive 83-64 win.

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Joe Smith (40) goes up strong against Clarkson

Peck finished with 24 points for the game, including hitting five of his eight shots from beyond the arc, to support the interior efforts of Finley and Smith, who finished with 18 and 14 points, respectively. Point guard Greg Leone '04 provided solid floor leadership while scoring ten points, handing out seven assists, and pulling down four rebounds.

The next day against Saint Lawrence, the offense continued to be there for the Continentals. By halftime Finley led the team with 14 points, and Leone had dropped ten. The Saints were also doing their share of scoring, and because of their low UCAA standing, they were playing like a team desperate for a conference win.

In the second half this desperation was evident, as the Saints hung with the hot-shooting Continentals despite all of Hamilton's best efforts. With just under a minute to go and Hamilton losing by six points, a wild sequence occurred that sealed the game for Saint Lawrence.

Both Leone and small forward Toby Bjorkman '03 knocked down three pointers to cut away at the lead, and with just over ten seconds remaining they had pulled within one point. However, on an inbounds pass by the Saints after the ball was called out on Smith, Leone battled for, established position, and appeared to draw a foul that would give Hamilton possession of the ball. However, as the crowd roared in disgust, no foul was called, and the Saints stole a victory, 90-86.

"Saint Lawrence has its back to the wall and must win the rest of their games, and we were a huge obstacle in their way," said Hamilton center Justin Stolarczyk '02. "The score was 90-86...and scoring 86 points in

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